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## NEWSWATCH



### Raiders

Bert Butler, 65, (right), and his wife Eleni, 60, photographed by a security camera during their armed raid on a London building society branch last Dec 31. The couple who planned the raid in a desperate bid to get out of debt, stood trial at the Old Bailey on Friday and will be sentenced next month. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Saved life

CHICAGO, May 27. (AP): A surgeon said yesterday she saved the life of a gunshot victim in his heart with her fingers and massaging the organ to keep it beating during a 14-minute helicopter ride to a trauma centre.

Dr Wendy Marshall said she cradled the exposed heart in her hands and kept the patient from bleeding to death while she supervised his transfer Thursday from a Joliet hospital to a suburban trauma centre equipped for open-heart surgery.

Surgeons there repaired the hole and the patient, Tommy Lee "Tony" Houston, was doing well yesterday, said Ms Marshall, director of Loyola University Medical Centre's trauma unit and an air medical service.

### Avoiding tax

LONDON, May 27. (Reuter): A retired British dock worker has declared himself a monk and named his bungalow "Alfresco Abbey" to avoid payment of a new local tax.

Monks and monasteries are to be exempted from the community charge that will replace property tax.

Charles Chapman decided to don his robes, a white cricket umpire's coat, after figuring his tax bill would almost double. His local council in southwest England said it was considering his exemption request.

### Tomb unearthed

NICOSIA, May 27. (AP): Archaeologists have unearthed the gold-stuffed tomb of two women in what appears to be the richest single discovery ever made at ancient Nimrud in northern Iraq.

The 2,700-year-old tomb in the palace of King Ashurnasirpal II contained more than 25 kilogrammes (55 pounds) of gold jewellery including diadems, necklaces, earrings, belts and anklets. The English-language Baghdad Observer reported yesterday.

## Teen-age addicts on the increase

# Lebanese are angry

### Observer force won't be formed

BEIRUT, May 27. (Agencies): Many Lebanese looking to the Arab world to stop their tiny country falling apart said today they felt the Casablanca summit had betrayed them.

And Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed said the observer force to monitor truce in Lebanon will not be formed.

"It's time for us to learn not to expect or hope for anything from the Arabs or others. They all conspired against us. As usual we were the offering sacrificed at the negotiating table," said Claude Nasr, a merchant.

The summit, ending four days of heated debate yesterday agreed only to form a new committee to try to end Lebanon's 14-year civil war and negotiate a political solution.

"One committee replaces the other," the independent newspaper L'Orient Le-Jour said in its lead story.

"Having failed to reach an agreement on the main stumbling blocks, the participants opted for a half-hearted solution by adopting a resolution."

"It is Lebanon which has traditionally paid the price for inter-Arab rivalries. It is also at Lebanon's expense that deals were struck to reach a minimum show of Arab solidarity.

"Analysts saw the summit as a victory for Syria because it failed to force Damascus to withdraw its 40,000 troops from Lebanon — a key demand of Army Commander Major-General Michel Aoun, who launched a "war of liberation" against Syria in mid-March. Savage shelling has since killed at least 360 people.

In what some Lebanese commentators saw as a trade-off, the Arab leaders won Syria's acceptance of a diplomatic offensive to back the PLO's peace strategy.

Pro-Syrian and leftist dailies were full of praise today for the Arab resolution on Lebanon. But independent and right-wing newspapers were bitter.

The new committee consists of Morocco's King Hassan, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria. They will try to reconcile Muslim- and Christian-led factions so Parliament can elect a new president and agree on political reforms to be implemented by a national unity government.

Earlier plans to send in Arab observers or a peacekeeping force were dropped. The summit resolution called on all factions to abide by a two-week ceasefire.

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Mubarak waves to thousands of Egyptians. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Mubarak cheered

### Differences remain

CAIRO, May 27. (Reuter): President Hosni Mubarak said today Egypt still had differences with arch Arab rivals Syria and Libya despite reconciliation talks at this week's Arab summit.

He was speaking to reporters on his return from Casablanca, Morocco, where the emergency summit formally welcomed Egypt back into the Arab League after 10 years of ostracism.

He received a lavish airport welcome of prancing horses and whirling dancers. Thousands of flag-waving Egyptians cheered as he was driven through the streets of Cairo in an open car.

Mubarak said he told Syrian President Hafez Al Assad at the summit that all foreign forces, including the estimated 40,000 Syrian troops, had to withdraw from Lebanon.

"Our position has not and will not change... There will be no security in Lebanon except after all foreign troops withdraw from Lebanon — Israeli, Syrian, Iranian and others," he said.

Mubarak said his two meetings with Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi, along with Syria a fierce opponent of Egypt's 1979 peace treaty, turned out better than he expected.

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Papandreou left for Brussels today to take part in NATO's summit meeting. He was accompanied by his 35-year-old companion Dimitra Liani (right). (Reuter wirephoto)

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ATHENS, May 27. (AP): Fugitive Greek banker George Koskotas said in a letter published here today that Premier Andreas Papandreou was his "boss" when he embezzled more than \$200 million from the Bank of Crete.

Koskotas, in a handwritten letter published in two Athens afternoon dailies, alleges that Papandreou approved the looting of the bank while Koskotas was its chairman. The letter was also published in the New York city-based Greek-American daily the National Herald.

"My big boss, the Greek-American with the very high position is one and alone, Mr Andreas Papandreou," Koskotas said in the letter, published in Ethnos and Proti, two left-wing dailies.

## US has secretly provided France with nuclear arms designs

WASHINGTON, May 27. (AP): The United States secretly supplied France with information about the design of nuclear weapons since 1972, the Defense Department has acknowledged.

The United States had previously acknowledged sharing nuclear weapons information only with Britain, and "US-French nuclear collaboration has... been one of the most closely guarded secrets of both governments," Princeton University professor Richard Ullman wrote in the

quarterly Foreign Policy, to appear today. The exchange of data means that France is more closely integrated than previously realised into the nuclear war plans of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and the disclosure might complicate efforts to negotiate a deal to sharply reduce US and Soviet strategic arsenals.

"It may be that public acknowledgement of the programme of aid to France, and particularly of co-operation between US and French nuclear forces, would

increase Soviet pressure for the inclusion of French and British forces in any future strategic arms control regime," Ullman wrote.

The US policy of sharing nuclear weapons data with the French was initiated in 1972 by the then President Richard Nixon and his national security adviser, Henry Kissinger, as a means to draw the French more closely into NATO. Ullman wrote. France left NATO's integrated military structure in 1966, alth-

ough it remains within the alliance.

Ullman concluded "in the course of more than 100 interviews over the past two years, with top-level politicians, civil servants" and others involved in the programme that since 1972, US experts have briefed their French counterparts on aspects of nuclear weaponry including:

• Penetration of Soviet defences.

• Miniaturisation of warhead components to allow development of multiple independently targeted re-entry vehicles.

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## Scandal threatens Filipino reforms

MANILA, May 27, (AP): A major scandal threatens to undermine the land reform programme which President Corazon Aquino hailed as a centerpiece of her administration but which critics claim has already fallen far short of expectations.

Aquino yesterday placed Agrarian Reform Secretary Philip Juico and 20 other department officials on leave pending an investigation into the controversial purchase last year of a 1,889-hectare (5,100-acre) estate in Camarines Sur Province.

The Department of Agrarian Reform agreed to pay \$2.2 million pesos (\$3 million) for the property, which was to be redistributed to landless peasants.

But the sale was suspended after local officials complained the land was worth only about three million pesos (\$143,000). Juico, who offered to go on leave during the probe, said there were "indications of gross negligence or conspiracy" in the purchase.

Under the programme enacted by Congress last June, the government will purchase property from landlords and redistribute it to an estimated three million landless farmers over a 10-year period.

The programme is expected to cost up to \$70 billion, and the government hopes the United States and other developed countries will help finance it.

The government hopes a successful land reform programme will improve economic conditions in the countryside and help curb the rural-based communist insurgency.

Aquino, appearing at a rare news conference yesterday, promised a thorough investigation of the Camarines Sur deal as well as review of all land purchases during the past year.

Although the land sale has been the first major scandal associated with land reform, critics have expressed disappointment that the programme fell short of what they expected.

The law enacted by Congress after nearly a year of debate gave landlords the option of selling their property to the state for redistribution or establishing profit-sharing plans for tenants.

Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus today set off on a trip to the US, Europe and Saudi Arabia to discuss bilateral issues and seek support for a multi-billion dollar aid plan for the Philippines.

During his visit to San Francisco he will appear as a defence witness at the trial of American Steven Pniakis, 57, who faces charges of transporting explosives to the Philippines in 1981 to topple Marcos.

### Negligence of doctors

### Students may end occupation of Tiananmen Square

## Chinese leaders warn of intrigue



BEIJING, May 27. (UPI): Chinese leaders, setting the stage for a purge of top moderates, called meetings of government officials to criticise Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang for the first time by name and warned of a conspiracy at the top levels of the party.

College students whose 15-day-old protest in Beijing's main square ignited nation-wide pro-democracy demonstrations and a leadership power struggle called a mass rally for tomorrow but said their occupation of Tiananmen Square may end on Tuesday.

"We hope for at least a million people in Beijing," said Lu Xiang, a spokesman for the city's independent student union, and student leader Chai Ling said the theme of the march was "Chinese all over the world unite."

Party hardliners backing Premier Li Peng and senior leader Deng Xiaoping appeared to have solidified control over moderates supporting Zhao, who sources said would be purged with several liberal associates as part of an "anti-party clique" for conciliating with the protesters and opposing martial law.

Senior officials in government ministries were summoned to meetings today at which leadership figures, in some cases ministers themselves, read out a circular from the Communist Party central committee.

According to participants at one of the meetings, the circular dismissed the student movement as an "organisational, principle and leadership turmoil" and criticised Zhao, referring to him only as "comrade Ziyang" omitting his title as party chief.

In the strongest public signal, former president Li Xianian, 80, blamed "individuals in the leading organ of the Communist Party" for six weeks of pro-democracy unrest and the largest anti-government demonstrations in 40 years.

"A very small minority of people plotted behind the scenes, fabricated rumours, instigated agitation and deliberately aggravated the situation so as to realise their political purposes of negating the leadership of the Communist Party and the socialist system through turmoil," he told the Chinese people's political consultative conference, which he chairs.

Ren Wanding, 45, a leading dissident, charged the government has a blacklist of more than 40 prominent intellectuals who will face arrest or other sanctions following a crackdown on the democracy movement.

He said the list is believed to include China's leading dissident, astrophysicist Fang Lizhi, and two dissidents currently in the United States.

### Pakistani N-programme

### Benazir has no control

BRUSSELS, May 27. (Reuter): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto is not in control of Pakistan's controversial nuclear programme because its secrets are being kept from her by a military and secret service elite, a British researcher said today.

Fears have been expressed in the West and in neighbouring India that the nuclear programme is geared to making a bomb. Pakistan has denied this, saying it wants nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, mainly to meet future energy needs.

Benazir Bhutto does not know anything about the nuclear programme... (it) is in the hands of military and secret service circles," said Peter Lomas, an expert on nuclear proliferation at the Centre of European Policy Studies.

Pakistan has an emerging capacity to develop nuclear weapons," he told a seminar, adding that "perhaps only 100 people in Pakistan are in the know" about the programme.

The programme was started in 1972 by Benazir's father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, overthrown and executed in the late 1970s.

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## Colombo delegates powers to provinces

COLOMBO, May 27. (Agencies): Sri Lanka's Parliament voted to give more powers to provincial councils, a key element in plans to end the island's bloody ethnic conflict.

The laws were passed last night with 134 members voting for and 66 against after a stormy debate. At one stage the Deputy Speaker, Gamin Fonseka, walked out.

Provincial councils were set up last year to enable minority Tamils living in the northern and eastern provinces to look after their own affairs.

Opposition Freedom Party leader Sirima Bandaranaike, campaigning against the laws, said setting up councils would not help resolve the conflict.

A revolt by Tamils, demanding a separate state in the north and east, has led to the killing of more than 10,000 people in the past six years and the debate took place as Tamil rebels were holding peace talks with the government.

A Sri Lankan Muslim leader today demanded an impartial government inquiry into a police attack on a demonstration by Muslims yesterday.

Police tear-gassed the demonstrators protesting against the recent violence in eastern Sri Lanka in which at least 15 Muslims died.

Many demonstrators, including children, were hurt by the police attack, said Hakeem Ishak, an opposition parliamentarian from Colombo.

The protesters held their demonstration after Friday prayers at Maradana, close to the Colombo city centre. They chanted anti-Indian slogans and demanded the withdrawal of some 50,000 Indian peace keeping force in the island.

Ishak said the police action where the unarmed demonstrators were attacked with batons, rifle butts and tear-gas was uncalled for.

Indian troops are stationed in Sri Lanka under a peace pact signed in 1987 to end the Tamil separatist rebellion in the two provinces.

## Premadasa risks career on plan to help poor

COLOMBO, May 27. (Reuters): President Ranasinghe Premadasa is staking his political career on a new scheme by which the government hopes to reduce poverty in Sri Lanka.

Premadasa's 40-billion-rupee (\$1.2 billion) Janasavaya, or "people's effort," project begins this month, fulfilling promises in his presidential campaign and recent parliamentary elections.

But many people are critical of the plan which will help 700,000 families.

Premadasa pledged to eradicate poverty through a scheme to help the poor, now surviving on food stamps — coupons issued by the government for use

in buying basic foods.

"He will move heaven and earth to succeed," said a Western diplomat. "But at what cost?"

Janasavaya, the most ambitious and most controversial scheme undertaken by the United National Party who have ruled Sri Lanka since 1977, replaced defence this year as the Indian Ocean island's biggest budget item.

Agriculture and Food Minister Lalith Athulathmudali, presenting the bill in Parliament last month, said the poverty alleviation plan aimed to reach the poorest of the poor.

Athulathmudali said it was not the dole, nor a

charity allowance but an investment in people and was linked to development.

Under the scheme, families benefiting will get 2,500 rupees (\$74) a month for two years, made up of 1,458 rupees (\$43) for consumption and 1,042 rupees (\$31) for savings.

Only the consumption money will be given monthly. The savings component will go to the state-owned National Savings Bank and after 24 months the recipient may withdraw that money.

Janasavaya recipients will be entitled to use the monthly cash to purchase goods from a basket of commodities available at state-run co-operatives

across Sri Lanka.

The basket includes local grains, rice, flour, sugar, infant milk food, kerosene, school books, agricultural and carpentry tools.

Athulathmudali said a government committee would identify lines of business for beneficiaries.

The committee would recommend to the beneficiaries how they should set up in business.

Critics say Premadasa doesn't have the money to implement the scheme.

The government budget for 1989 has allocated 10 billion rupees (\$295 million) for the plan but it is not clear how these funds would be raised.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Jetliner hijacked

MIAMI, May 27. (AP): An American Airlines jetliner en route from Dallas to Miami with 157 people aboard was hijacked today but landed safely in Miami, authorities said. The hijacker and passengers remained aboard the Boeing 727.

Fight 1098 was diverted toward

Havana but turned back before reaching Cuba and landed at about 11:30 am (1530 GMT), said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman John Whiteside in Atlanta.

### Thatcher's speech

LONDON: May 27. (Reuters): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said yesterday that the West was witnessing "the failure of the communists ideology and the melt-down of authoritarian regimes".

In a broad-ranging speech after receiving the honorary freedom of the city of London, Thatcher said there were "great upheavals" in the Soviet Union, Hungary, Poland and China.

### India cyclone

CALCUTTA, May 27. (Reuters): A cyclone killed at least 15 people in eastern India, officials said today.

Most died when their homes collapsed as the cyclone swept in from the Bay of Bengal last night with the winds of up to 140 km an hour (85 mph).

Officials in Calcutta's Cyclone Control Centre said the storm caused widespread damage in the coastal West Bengal district of Midnapore and they feared the death toll could rise.

### Bangladesh storm

DHAKA, May 27. (Reuters): At least 10 people were killed and 300 injured when a storm lashed part of northern Bangladesh today, officials said.

They said winds blowing at 90 km (55 miles) per hour flattened hundreds of houses and disrupted communications in several villages in Tangail district and neighbouring areas.

Heavy rains and hallstorms accompanying the storm delayed rescue efforts, Tangail officials told reporters.

### Soviet offer

LONDON, May 27. (AP): Best-selling author Jeffrey Archer said today the Soviets had offered "real money" for a Western book for the first time — paying him \$10,000 for his 1982 sage "Kane and Abel".

Archer said a similar Soviet deal had been arranged for John Le Carré's forthcoming spy novel, "The Russia House".

"Up to now the Russians either 'stole' your books or offered you royalties which you had to go to Russia to be able to spend," Archer said.

### Leftists clash

HAMBURG, West Germany, May 27. (AP): Riot police used water cannons to battle rock-throwing leftists yesterday in an illegal squatters' camp near Hamburg's waterfront.

Some of the rundown trailers that made up the squatters' camp caught fire during the melee, sending up a thick cloud of black smoke.

It was not immediately clear whether the trailers' occupants themselves had ignited the blaze.



## NATO allies nervous

ROME, May 27. (Agencies): President George Bush met today with Italian leaders and brushed aside questions about a reported plan to withdraw as many as 30,000 American troops from Europe.

Accompanied by Secretary of State James Baker and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, Bush met with Premier Ciriaco De Mita at a 16th-century hillside villa.

Posing for pictures before a huge fireplace, a sleepy-eyed Bush, who arrived late yesterday from Washington, remained silent when asked about reports that he planned to propose a major cutback in American troop strength in Europe.

Later, he twice ignored questions about possible troop withdrawals.

The meeting with De Mita was arranged before the collapse on May 19 of De Mita's coalition government. He remains in power as a caretaker until a new government is formed.

Bush also was to have an audience at the Vatican with Pope John Paul II later in the day.



## Soldiers denounce coup attempt

ADDIS ABABA, May 27. (Reuters):

The Ethiopian Air Force, which played a prominent role in last week's coup attempt, has renewed its pledge of allegiance to President Mengistu Haile Mariam at a military parade, the official news agency said today.

The Ethiopian News Agency (ENA) said that Air Force units at the parade yesterday at Debre

Zeit Air Base, 50 km (30 miles) east of Addis Ababa, told Mengistu that the generals who organized the May 16 coup attempt did not represent them.

"The Air Force deplored the actions of the plotters of the coup and we condemn their attempts to sow seeds of confusion among the units of the revolutionary Army," ENA quoted Air Force representatives at the parade as saying.

Former Air Force commander Amba Desta, who was one of the leaders of the coup attempt, died in the uprising.

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# Empathy Belly lets dads-to-be take a walk on the wide side

SEATTLE, May 27, (UPI): A new device aims at helping men better empathise with their expectant spouses by making them "pregnant" with 35 pounds (15 kg) of bulging belly, backache, shortness of breath and other symptoms that can make a guy feel like he's a few breaths shy of the delivery room.

The Empathy Belly was developed by pre-natal counsellor Linda Ware. It uses water-filled bladders, lead balls and velcro to mimic about 20 symptoms of pregnancy for men who care enough to strap on the apparatus and

take a walk on the, well, big side. "It'll give you just about everything short of morning sickness and varicose veins," says Ware, who formed Birthways Inc. of Redmond, Wash., to market the vest-like garment. Over the last five years, Ware went through about 10 prototypes and sought advice from medical and counselling professionals to perfect the device.

Ware believes the greatest potential market is in schools, counselling centres and agencies involved in trying to stem the tide of teen pregnancies.

She believes the device helps "shatter the romantic illusions of pregnancy" sometimes shared by teen-age girls' and "teaches boys more about the consequences of sexual activity."

It was an eye-opener for the reporter — unmarried and childless — who allowed himself to be swathed in velcro-taped canvas and adorned with a series of weights and chest constrictors.

A plastic bladder in the "belly" of the vest can be filled with water to varying levels to simulate the different stages of pregnancy. At the top and the sides of

the vest are pockets for lead balls that press in on the upper rib cage the way the elbows and knees of a developing foetus can be felt in some advanced pregnancies, Ware said.

Inside the stomach bladder is a light pendulum that swings when jostled by outside motion. It is designed to duplicate the sensation of a baby's kicks as the foetus moves around the womb.

The real kicker in the Empathy Belly's panoply of discomforts is a separate bag that fits under the bottom of the

vest to ride heavily over the bladder and give wearers concern about where the nearest bathroom is located.

The realism takes on a new dimension after the chest is wrapped snugly with a wide band of cotton and elastic. The resulting constriction — intended to resemble the shortness of breath that occurs as the developing foetus pinches on the rib cage — turns normal activity into acrobatics.

Sitting down leaves the bladder compressed between a 5-pound weight and

the chair seat, so much so that most people want to stagger up and waddle to the bathroom.

A man soon learns what it's like to have his stomach enter a room 13 seconds before he does. Sitting down and standing up again is akin to power lifting.

Ware, who also teaches birthing methods, says she first got the idea for the Empathy Belly after listening to couples in her pre-natal counselling sessions.

## Cocaine case

# Jurors refuse to indict mother

ROCKFORD, Illinois, May 27, (Agencies): A grand jury refused to indict a young mother for manslaughter in her infant's death, which was linked to alleged cocaine use during pregnancy, authorities said yesterday.

Prosecutors had charged Melanie Green, 24, with involuntary manslaughter and delivery of a controlled substance to a minor, a charge usually used against street-corner drug dealers.

A Winnebago County grand jury — a panel of citizens convened to decide whether charges merit prosecution — met Thursday and did not indict her on any charge, State's Attorney Paul Logli said.

Green's 2-day-old baby, Bianca, died Feb. 4. Cocaine was found in Bianca's system and in her mother's, said Dr. P. John Seward, the county coroner. The drug was carried through the placenta to the fetus, reducing Bianca's ability to accept oxygen from the mother and resulting in brain damage.

Logli had characterised that process as delivery of a controlled substance.

In a similar case, another mother in this northern Illinois city of 140,000 was convicted May 1 of perinatal child abuse for using cocaine throughout her pregnancy, including the hours right before she gave birth. That child survived.

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## Commitment

"We have made a commitment in an effort to protect newborns — the people least able to protect themselves. We are going to deal with those mothers who place babies at risk."

Bianca was a tiny baby, weighing just 4 pounds, 3 ounces (2.6 kg) and just 17 inches (43 cm) long. She was born at Rockford Memorial Hospital, but the fact that her mother had taken cocaine during her pregnancy, including the hours right before she gave birth. That child survived.

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West Berlin police prepare to remove one of the two planes that landed in front of the old German parliament building. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Pilots claim daring escape

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such a possibility.

An anonymous caller telephoned several radio stations to claim he flew his relatives out of East Germany to West Berlin.

Rainer Hildebrandt, head of a private organisation that monitors escapes from East Germany, said two men came to his office and claimed they were the pilots. He said the two men told him they flew into West Berlin, picked up a friend and flew back to West Berlin.

Hildebrandt said he could not confirm the claim. It was not immediately clear why the men would have needed two planes to pick up their friend.

# Key mob informer arrested

## PALERMO, Sicily, May 27, (Reuter):

A key Mafia informer whose testimony helped convict 300 gangsters in 1987 was arrested yesterday in a police swoop that netted nine other Mafia members in various locations in Italy.

Police said Salvatore Contorno was arrested near the Sicilian capital Palermo at the home of a cousin, who was also seized, on suspicion of re-establishing his links with the Mafia and helping to organise a vendetta.

He was seized during police raids which netted nine other convicted or suspected members of a Mafia clan charged with complicity in 17 murders this year in an area near the Sicilian capital known as "the triangle of death."

Contorno's cousins Salvatore and Gaetano Grado were among the nine.

Palermo chief detective Armando La Barbera told a news conference that Contorno was charged with Mafia association and aiding and abetting his cousins.

La Barbera said Contorno returned to Sicily about two weeks ago from the United States, where he had been under FBI protection, and had become involved in a clan war for supremacy.

Contorno's decision to break the underworld's code of silence contributed to the conviction of 300 gangsters in 1987 and helped smash US drug ring dubbed the "pizza connection" in 1984. In Illinois alone, the number of drug-affected infants has grown phenomenally in the last five years. The DCFS reports there were no reported cases in 1984, but in the five years ending June 30, 1988, there were 1,234 cases of cocaine-affected infants. It is estimated that for the year ending June 30, 1989, the number could be as high as 2,000.

## Men change their ways

NEW YORK, May 27, (UPI): Kevin Costner is the US man's "principal competition" in the 1980s, replacing past male heroes such as Montgomery Clift and Gary Cooper, Vogue magazine said yesterday.

In a review of 50-year cycles of the US male identity, Vogue reported that Prince Diana has replaced Doris Day as the perfect wife, while supermodel star Marlo Scott is a queen supreme in 1989.

Men in the United States are also changing the way they try to woo women, Vogue said. In 1929, men said, "Don't be a party popper," while in 1959, the line was "everybody's doing it."

By 1989, romantics were saying, "I've been tested."

The favoured aphrodisiac in 1959 was oysters, while today's love potion is megavitamin, the magazine reported.

The male excuse for infidelity is also getting more esoteric. In 1939, men said "I was tight," while in 1959 women demanding an explanation were met with dead silence.

In 1989, the male excuse was "I need more space," Vogue said.

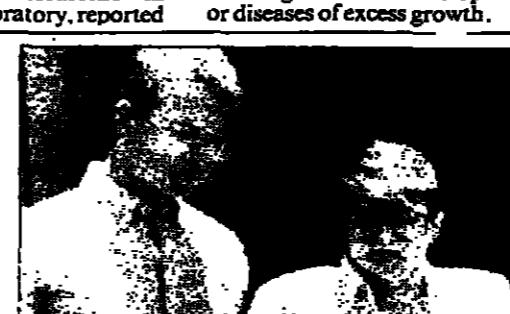
## Cell research hailed

# Discovery reported

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27, (UPI): A protein called cyclin has been found to play the key role in controlling the most basic cycle in the body, that of the individual cell, two researchers reported.

"The discovery is a major breakthrough in studies of the cell cycle," said Prof Marc Kirschner, a cell biologist at the University of California in San Francisco, whose laboratory the discovery was made.

Because all growing cells go through this cycle, the new finding may give insight into disorders of growth and development or diseases of excess growth.



Contorno and Carola at the press conference. (Reuter wirephoto)

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### Attack hours after protest

## Another rape in NY park

NEW YORK, May 26, (Agencies): A woman tourist in New York was raped in Central Park yesterday minutes after arriving in the city and just hours after 1,000 people had gathered in the park to protest the rape last month of a woman jogger.

It was the latest in a series of ugly assaults and murders in the city and its suburbs in recent weeks.

The crimes include a mother throwing her two-year-old daughter out the window to her death in the Bronx, the murder of a neighbour of actor Paul Newman in Westport, Connecticut, and the sexual assault of a mentally retarded girl by five teenagers in the rich suburb of Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

In the latest crime to hit headlines, police said a 27-year-old Alabama woman, who had just arrived on a bus from North Carolina, was forced at gunpoint into the park shortly before dawn after walking up from the terminal to meet a friend.

Police arrested George Connors, 32, within 30 minutes of the attack and said he forced the woman to a wooded area near Wolfman ice skating rink in the park and raped her at gunpoint, said assistant police chief Mario Selvaggi. No weapon was recovered. Connors identified himself as a hot dog vendor.

The victim, who was not identified because of the nature of the crime, was treated and released from Roosevelt Hospital following the assault, which occurred hours after hundreds of people rallied against violence in the park Thursday evening.

LONDON: Britain's top law officer said on Friday he had quit a fundamentalist Protestant church which demanded he repent for attending a Roman Catholic funeral mass it regards as an abomination against God.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor in Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government, resigned from the Free Presbyterian Church in Scotland a day after its supreme court refused to lift his six-month suspension as an elder.

Critics had questioned whether the head of the country's judiciary should seek spiritual counsel in a church described by the Times newspaper as "the closest British religion has to offer to the (Iranian) Ayatollah."

Leaders of the 6,000-member congregation known as the "Wee Free" said Lord Mackay could return to the fold only after repenting and vowed never to attend a Catholic service again. (Reuter)

HELSINKI, Finland: A 450-pound (245 kg) moose wandered into a Helsinki suburb and destroyed a ground-floor apartment after crashing through the bedroom window, according to newspaper reports Friday.

The moose was shot to death by police, the newspapers said.

Police said the moose had been bleeding to death from its cuts from jumping through the window of a three-bedroom apartment in the suburb of Pukinmaki, about five miles (8 kms) from the city centre.

The local radio station earlier broadcast a police warning to motorists that a moose was on the loose.

The owners of the apartment were out and no one was hurt. Police said the meat would be sold after it was checked by a veterinarian. (AP)

DETROIT: A nun who refused to help close the parish where she worked and turned over \$6,000 in church funds to parishioners has been fired by the Catholic archdiocese of Detroit and may be sued.

The \$6,000, from parishioners' past donations, is in a checking account that Sister Beth Rindler transferred from the parish's control.

"It was like we were being invaded and I thought that the people somehow needed to be protected and so I moved the account," she said.

"I wasn't thinking of me. It's not mine; it's the parishioners' account."

Jay Berman, a spokesman for the archdiocese, said the church "must take appropriate legal action to assure the proper custody of those funds" although no lawsuit had been filed by Friday. (UPI)

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado: The US Space Command's Space Surveillance Centre has catalogued the 20,000th man-made object to orbit the earth, officials said Friday.

Navy Cmdr. Dugald Gillies, USSC deputy director of public affairs, said the Space Surveillance Centre catalogued Wednesday, May 24 a Soviet satellite, designated Cosmos 2021.

Sputnik 1, the first man-made object in space, also was launched by the Soviet Union on Oct. 4, 1957.

"Of the 20,000 objects catalogued since then, approximately 7,000 remain in orbit," Gillies said.

Those objects range in size from a wrench dropped by a space shuttle astronaut to payloads weighing several tons, he said. (UPI)

BERN, Switzerland: Switzerland's first woman cabinet minister, who resigned after tipping her businessman husband about a drug money laundering probe, Friday suggested things might not have ended that way if she had been a man.

Former justice minister Elisabeth Kopp, marking her official farewell from Switzerland's Liberal Democratic Party, said there was "a certain justification" in the proverb, "Men make history, women achieve progress."

She said a number of letters since her resignation in January raised the question of how her fate as a cabinet member would have differed if she had been a man.

She called for more sexual equality in Switzerland, where women get the right to vote in national affairs only in 1971. (AP)

SACRAMENTO, California: A four-day jazz party that offers more than 100 musical groups — 15 of them from foreign countries — got underway in Sacramento, the city's pioneer district, at the conclusion.

Officials of the mostly volunteer festival predicted a record number of music-loving tourists would visit California's capital city for the event. Last year's festival drew about 110,000 visitors.

Among the foreign bands this year will be a group of elderly Chinese jazzmen who had to give up their favourite music for about 30 years after their country's 1949 communist revolution. (UPI)

EL PASO, Texas: The border patrol has grabbed the narcotics smugglers by the throat and will not let go, US senator Phil Gramm said Friday at the inauguration of a new \$1.9 million station for the law enforcement agency.

The Texas Republican said he will work to provide full funding to the US Immigration and Naturalization Service and border patrol following last year's action by Congress in cutting \$59 million from the budget.

"The border patrol has grabbed by the throat those who, through their smuggling activities, are preying off the health, happiness and lives of our children," Gramm said. "The border patrol has the smuggler by the throat and will not let go." (UPI)

MIAMI, May 27, (AP): A USS Iowa sailor linked to investigation of the massive explosion aboard the battleship yesterday denied wrongdoing and charged the Navy was seeking a scapegoat.

Kendall Truitt, 21-year-old gunner's mate 3rd class, got Miami Attorney Ellis Rubin to represent him. Rubin warned that continued allegations against Truitt, from homosexuality to that he intentionally caused the explosion that killed 47 sailors April 19, would be "answered in court."

Truitt and Clayton Hartwig, 25-year-old gun-

ner's mate who died in the gun turret blast, were best friends and took out \$100,000 life insurance policies naming each other as the beneficiaries. Navy investigators have said they are looking into the relationship as they study homicide as a possibility in the case.

"I think the Navy is at a loss," Truitt said. "They're just looking for a scapegoat."

Rubin said Truitt risked his life to save other sailors after the explosion.

Truitt and wife, Carole, joined Rubin outside the attorney's law offices for a news conference in which Truitt denied allegations against him.

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Noriega talks with press after meeting the OAS team.

# Noriega's grip on power still firm

## OAS delegation fails to make headway

PANAMA CITY, May 27. (Reuters): General Manuel Antonio Noriega's grip on power appeared as firm as ever today after a visit to Panama by an Organisation of American States (OAS) mission produced little visible progress.

Members of the OAS delegation put a brave face on their four-day visit, but Noriega and his opponents made clear there was not even agreement on a basis for negotiations to solve a

political crisis provoked by annulled elections.

"Regrettably, there has been no progress towards the reconciliation which we and all the people seek for the good of Panama," opposition presidential candidate Guillermo Endara told reporters yesterday.

The opposition and Noriega, Panama's Army chief and de facto ruler, each blamed the other for the deadlock, trading accusations of intransigence.

The OAS mission was sent to Panama after the elections were annulled amid violence and widespread charges of fraud by Noriega. Both government and opposition claimed victory in the May 7 election but independent observers said the opposition won by a large margin.

The opposition said Noriega had rejected an offer of direct talks. Noriega said any negotiations should be between political parties which contested the election and should not involve the Army.

The OAS condemned Noriega for abusing the electoral process and ordered the mission to Panama to seek the best way to ensure "the transfer of power with full respect for the sovereign will of the Panamanian people."

The opposition rejected new elections or a coalition government and stood firmly by its demands for recognition of what it says was its election victory and an honourable retirement for Noriega.

## Takeshita supports Uno as premier

TOKYO, May 27. (Agencies): Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno, one of the few senior politicians untouched by Japan's biggest post-war political scandal, looked set today to succeed Noboru Takeshita as prime minister.

The National Broadcasting Network NHK reported that Takeshita and Shintaro Abe, general secretary of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), had decided on Uno during the latest of a series of meetings aimed at finding a successor.

Takeshita has said he would resign to take responsibility for the Recruit scandal, which has paralysed much of the government process so far this year.

Recruit, a publishing and telecommunications group, gave massive amounts of money and unlisted shares to top politicians, officials and businessmen to advance its business.

Uno, 66, who is due to leave Tokyo tomorrow to

attend international meetings in Paris and Brussels, told NHK reporters he had not yet officially received any offer and was going ahead with his trip.

Political analysis said however that the LDP, already deeply embarrassed by the refusal of party elder Masayoshi Ito to accept the premiership, would not have let Uno's name emerge if it had not already secured his agreement.

Takeshita is believed to have discussed the succession problem yesterday afternoon with Abe. Takeshita met with Abe for less than one hour at a Tokyo Hospital, where Abe is recovering from surgery.

However, Takeshita told reporters a final choice could not be made until late next week, possibly Friday, following discussions with other party elders. Kyodo News Service and other news reports said.



Uno: untainted

## Accused Democrat will leave Congress

WASHINGTON, May 27. (Agencies): Congressman Tony Coelho, the third-ranking Democrat in the House of Representatives, will quit Congress rather than face an ethics probe similar to one that has driven Speaker Jim Wright to the brink of resignation, the House majority leader said today.

Coelho, the majority whip in the House, has come under fire in recent weeks for a \$100,000 junk bond investment in which he earned more than \$6,000 without investing any money, and for other financial dealings.

"He's decided to give up his whip post and go into private sector which he has considered doing at some time before," Thomas Foley, the party's majority leader in the lower house of Congress, said by telephone after speaking with Coelho.

"He's told me that he has every confidence that he can rebut the charges that have been made or that might be made as a result of any investigation, but that he feels under the circumstances that he, in the interest of avoiding a long controversy which he feels could hurt the party and the House, he's decided to give up his whip post."

Coelho was expected to formally announce his decision to step down in a statement today.

■ House of Representatives Democratic leader Thomas Foley, who would most likely become House Speaker if Wright quits the job, stressed he knows of no plans by Wright to leave the top leadership post.

Foley spent yesterday in his home state of Washington, avoiding speculation of Wright's possible exit and his own potential elevation to the speakership.

Wright, whose political future is imperilled by charges of ethics violations, is spending the long Memorial Day weekend considering his options. He and his wife, Betty, left yesterday for a private holiday weekend at an undisclosed location.

Foley reiterated yesterday: "I know of no deal that's been cut or about to be cut ... I have no knowledge of any plans on his part to resign or retire the speakership."

■ Congressman Donald Lukens was convicted yesterday of having sex with a 16-year-old girl whose mother accused the congressman of offering a government job to buy her silence.

The Ohio Republican showed no emotion when the verdict was read.

The 58-year-old divorced congressman was charged with contributing to the unruliness and delinquency of a minor, a misdemeanor that carries a maximum sentence of 180 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

■ Former representative Pat Swindall, Republican of Georgia, made it explicit to an undercover agent acting as a South American moneybroker that he feared a loan he was considering was tied to drug money, a recording played for jurors revealed yesterday.

In a sting operation that led to Swindall's Oct. 17, 1988, 10-count perjury indictment, undercover IRS Agent Michael Mullaney secretly taped and recorded Swindall's negotiations to pay for his \$1.4 million mansion in Stone Mountain.

## Supreme Soviet seat eludes Yeltsin

### Surprise defeat

MOSCOW, May 27. (AP): Communist maverick Boris Yeltsin, who won an overwhelming landslide in the popular vote to the new Parliament, was defeated today by fellow deputies in a bid for election to the country's Supreme Soviet.

Other prominent reformers also failed to gain seats in the legislature.

The crusading populist garnered a majority of the votes in the Congress of People's Deputies. But he ran last among 12 candidates for 11 seats allotted to candidates from the giant Russian federation.

Members of the 2,500-member Congress were elected by the people this spring. Then during their inaugural session yesterday, deputies elected 542 of their own members to serve in the Supreme Soviet, which is expected to wield greater power than its predecessor. Some results of that voting were announced today.

The loss was a severe setback for Yeltsin, who gave up his job in the government when the Parliament convened and is now technically unemployed. However, he could still win the vice presidency in further balloting by the new Congress, the first competitively elected Soviet Parliament in 70 years.

Yuri Osipyan, chairman of the commission that counted the ballots overnight, announced that Yeltsin received 1,185 votes, with 964 members of the national Parliament voting against him.

That was not enough for election to one of the two chambers in the Supreme Soviet.

Yeltsin, a former member of

the Communist Party's ruling politburo and former Moscow party chief, became the sole candidate defeated in balloting for the Soviet of Nationalities, one chamber of the Supreme Soviet.

When the results of the second chamber, the Soviet of the Union, were declared, it was clear that deputies had rejected virtually all the most outspoken reformers on the ballot.

The failed candidates included sociologist Tatjana Zaslavskaya, economist Gavril Popov, editor Valentin Logunov, historian Sergei Stankevich and agriculture expert Vladimir Tikhonov, all of whom are known progressives.

From a group of 55 deputies competing for 29 seats to represent Moscow, historian Roy Medvedev was the sole recognised reformer to scrape through.

The burly, white-haired Yeltsin's attacks on official privilege and calls for a better life for average Soviets swept him into the Congress in this spring's elections, with almost 90 per cent of Moscow voters backing him over the establishment candidate.

Yeltsin was ousted from his job as Moscow party boss in November 1987 after he criticised the slow pace of President Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms. He had even suggested it was time to discuss creating a multi-party system to end the communists' legal monopoly on political power.

Four days before the Congress convened, Yeltsin announced that he and other deputies elected from Moscow had drafted their own programme that would have

included radical measures to revive the shortage-ridden Soviet economy and forced Gorbachev to deliver an address on his domestic and foreign policy before he could stand for re-election as Soviet President.

The Congress, however, rejected the Moscow deputies' proposal to alter the official agenda, and Gorbachev was re-elected Soviet head of state Thursday with more than 95 per cent of the vote on the first day of the Congress.

Because of Yeltsin's unorthodox views, the Communist Party's policy-making central committee ordered a probe to determine whether his campaign platform violated the party line. Despite his anti-establishment rhetoric, Yeltsin remains a central committee member and is bound to observe party discipline.

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## Soviets didn't try to bribe MPs: UK

LONDON, May 27. (Agencies): British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe has denied press reports that Soviet diplomats and journalists were expelled because they tried to bribe opposition politicians, Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock said today.

Kinnock said he was contacted by Howe yesterday after the party protested.

He quoted Howe as saying: "I can assure you that there has been no suggestion of any association of Labour members of Parliament in the activities for which the Soviet diplomats and other Soviet nationals are being expelled."

Howe also denied that the misinformation was leaked by the government to newspapers or broadcasting organisations.

A week ago Britain ordered eight Soviet diplomats and three journalists to leave within two weeks after accusing them of spying. Three other diplomats were told not to return.

Moscow retaliated by expelling the same numbers of British diplomats and journalists and has also threatened to cut the number of Britons allowed to live in the Soviet Union.

Howe has refused to give any details of the activities of the Soviet nationals but insisted they were guilty of trying to harm national security.

After the press allegations of bribery, Labour foreign affairs spokesman Gerald Kaufman accused the government of "blatant and contemptible" news management.

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Distraught relatives

Distraught relatives of 14 people sentenced to hang in Upington, South Africa, leave court after hearing the death sentence pronounced. Twenty-five black residents were found guilty of the politically motivated murder of a policeman in 1985. The remaining 11 will be sentenced on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Uneasy peace in riot-hit Benin city

### Rally against hardships

LAGOS, May 27. (Reuter): Troops and police enforced an uneasy peace in Benin city in Nigeria today after three days of anti-government rioting in which at least three demonstrators were shot dead.

"It's all quiet now, but on Thursday thousands of people were on the streets telling the president to go, and yesterday there was shooting, a nut at the Catholic mission in Benin city.

Shi said security forces were out in strength in the city, the ancient capital of Benin state.

Local radio journalist Andrew Haruna said he had seen the bodies of three young men, rioters shot dead by troops and police yesterday, at the Central Hospital.

Some newspapers said five people were killed, 20 wounded and 100 arrested.

Campus unrest erupted over the past week in several parts of Nigeria, the military-ruled West African country struggling to drag itself out of the economic doldrums with an IMF-backed structural adjustment programme, known as SAP.

The debt-ridden nation, impoverished despite its past oil wealth, has slashed imports and

cut back on subsidies to try and stimulate local industry and agriculture. But unemployment is chronic and prices, including of staple foods, are skyrocketing.

"SAP is sapping the masses to death," read one of the banners carried by demonstrators in Benin on Thursday.

Student-led demonstrations against hardships blamed on President Ibrahim Babangida's policies began peacefully in the city on Wednesday.

Violence exploded the next day as crowds barricaded main roads, set public buildings ablaze and stormed two prisons, releasing at least 600 inmates.

Local state governor Tunde Obadele responded by ordering his men to shoot rioters on sight and slapped a dusk to dawn curfew on the city, 320 km (200 miles) east of Lagos.

All schools in the state have been closed until further notice and students have been ordered to leave the University of Benin campus.

Information Minister Tony Momoh said in Lagos the federal government would not intervene as long as the Benelux state authorities had the situation under control.

## Polish students to strike

WARSAW, May 27. (AP): Warsaw polytechnic students denied permission to register a pro-Solidarity association decided yesterday to carry on a nationwide series of academic strikes until "final victory," spokesman said.

The members of the banned Independent Students Association, or NIZS, said they have formed an inter-school strike committee to co-ordinate protest activities.

At a news conference at the

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Drug trafficking

LA PAZ, May 27. (UPI): The murders of two young Mormon Church missionaries from Utah by terrorists may be linked to the participation of US anti-drug agents in actions against cocaine traffickers, the country's top police official said yesterday.

Interior Minister Eduardo Perez Beltran said a message sent to La Paz newspapers after

# Gunman killed after shooting at Israelis

## Settlers raid Arab village

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 27, (Agencies): Israeli troops shot and killed an unidentified gunman today after he opened fire on an Israeli patrol from the Jordanian side of the border and slightly wounded two soldiers, the Army said.

Jordan, in an official broadcast, suggested the attacker was a Jordanian Army soldier who earlier had abandoned his observation post at the border.

The attack occurred at about 06:30 am on the Jordanian border near the kibbutz or a communal

settlement of Hamadiya, 80 kms (50 miles) northeast of Jerusalem, the military command said.

It said an Israeli Army patrol that moved inside Israel, along the border fence, "encountered light weapons fire from east of the fence" or across the border, and returned fire.

In searches conducted in the area after the firefight, soldiers found the body of a gunman, dressed in a military-type uniform and armed with the US-made M-16 assault rifle, an Army spokesman said.

The body was found on the Jordanian side of the border, he said.



Shamir: belittles differences

## Black hole of Israeli mind

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 27, (AP): Many Israelis, unwilling to acknowledge Army brutality against Palestinians during the 17-month uprising, have created a "black hole" of denial and repression to block out the unsavoury images, according to an Israeli psychologist.

Speaking at a two-day conference on "Psychological Barriers to Peace," psychologist Stanley Cohen said even those Israelis who recognize that Palestinians are being mistreated have frequently rationalized the issue often by blaming the Arab "victims."

"Many Israelis find it impossible to believe that their own people can be responsible for such brutality. The information is unacceptable and slips into a black hole of the mind," Cohen said at the conference, which ended Thursday.

"Either that, or it is repackaged, using the yes, but, technique. 'Yes, but, he must have done something to deserve it. Or 'yes, but the media exaggerates,'" said the South American-born Cohen, a professor at Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

At least 500 Palestinians have been killed during the revolt against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, most of them by Israeli troops. Twenty-two Israelis have also been killed.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### 11 drug traffickers hanged

NICOSIA, May 27, (Reuter): Eleven drug traffickers were hanged in public today in the northwestern city of Tabriz in Iran's continuing war on drugs, the official IRNA news agency reported.

The agency, received in Nicosia, said the Islamic Revolutionary Court in Tabriz sentenced the 11 to death for the purchase and distribution of drugs and the production and trafficking of heroin abroad.

This brought to 579 the number of drug dealers executed around the country since anti-narcotics law went into effect in January.

### Lebanese beheaded

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia, May 27, (Reuter): A Lebanese was beheaded in Saudi Arabia yesterday after being found guilty of murdering a man he was defrauding, newspapers in the kingdom reported today.

The papers quoted the Saudi Interior Minister as saying Ayad Kasem Al Harakeh was executed in Al Khobar for killing a fellow Lebanese after the man discovered Harakeh was forging cheques in his name.

### Oman may buy Mirage jets

ABU DHABI, May 27, (Reuter): Oman is considering buying French Mirage 2000 fighter jets following its decision last month to shelve a deal for advanced British-made Tornados, a United Arab Emirates newspaper said today.

Al Ittihad newspaper said Sultan Qaboos would discuss buying an unspecified number of Mirages during a four-day visit to France beginning on Tuesday.

### The ultimate act of love'

ALBANY, New York, May 27, (UPI): On the eve of Memorial Day weekend, an upstate New York man yesterday proposed freeing the hostages in Lebanon by offering volunteer "peace hostages" to take their place in captivity.

A spokesman for one of the nation's major hostage-release groups said the proposal represents "the ultimate act of love."

Dan James, the founder and former president of a US-Soviet exchange programme headquartered in New York City, sent a cable on Thursday night to New York's John Cardinal O'Connor, who plans to travel to Beirut this week, asking him to help arrange the programme and recruit volunteers for it.

### Evening of candles and incense'

NEW YORK, May 27, (KUNA): The richness and unique aspects of Islamic culture found expression on Wednesday night at a dinner and fashion show intended to benefit the library of New York's new Islamic Cultural Centre.

Under the patronage of her majesty Queen Noor Al Hussein of Jordan, the Islamic Cultural Society, a organisation of Islamic women, organised an "evening of candles and incense" that attracted an illustrious crowd of 370 guests paying \$150 a plate.

Queen Noor, who did not attend personally, sent Prince Faisal and his wife, Alia, to represent her.

### International symposium

PARIS, May 27, (KUNA): An international symposium on the history and cultural contribution of the "Alexandria library" will be held here on June 5 under the patronage of Arab Gulf Fund for United Nations Development Agencies (AGFUND).

The symposium, which will be held at the UNESCO headquarters, will be presided over by the AGFUND chairman, Prince Talal Bin Abdul Aziz, it was announced here by UNESCO.

### Relief officials almost murdered

UNITED NATIONS, May 27, (AP): Train robbers almost murdered the field director of the UN's famine relief operation in Sudan and two French officials last week while they were on a mercy mission, officials said.

The three men were accompanying a trainload of relief supplies. They were not harmed by the bandits, but their lives were spared only because about 110 Sudanese railroad workers protect them by surrounding them, officials said.



The seat for the Lebanese representative at the summit remains empty. On the right is Khaddafi.

## Row almost derailed summit

# Arabs rally behind PLO

## Egypt, Libya patching up

CAIRO, May 27, (UPI): President Hosni Mubarak and Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi have agreed to meet again to patch up their differences and pave the way for normalising relations between their two countries.

An agreement was reached to hold a meeting between President Mubarak and Colonel Khaddafi and the timing for the meeting would be fixed later on, the newspaper Al Ahram said in its early editions today.

The two leaders also agreed on establishing direct contacts to remove any misunderstanding that may arise in the future regarding their two countries' bilateral relations and promote good neighbourly relations and mutual understanding, the newspaper said.

The process of making the atmosphere conducive to removing any remaining root causes of misunderstanding would meantime continue until relations between Egypt and Libya return back to normal, Al Ahram said.

Mubarak and Khaddafi, two old rivals, met on Wednesday on the fringes of the May 23-26 emergency Arab summit in the Moroccan city of Casablanca upon an initiative by Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

Upon a similar reconciliatory initiative by North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, Mubarak also met Syrian President Hafez Al Assad on Thursday in Casablanca.

The Kuwaiti newspaper Al Seyassah quoted Assad this week as saying Damascus would restore full diplomatic relations with Cairo "directly after the Casablanca summit" and that he has already informed his strong ally Khaddafi about it.

Syria and Libya, along with Lebanon, are the only three countries that continue the 10-year-old Arab boycott of Egypt which began when Cairo signed the peace treaty with Israel in 1979.

Relations between Libya and Egypt have been marked with tension for years and in July, 1977, the two countries fought several air and land battles along their border.

Libya was also accused in the mid-1970s of arming "violent revolutionary groups" in Egypt and the Sudan.



Arafat makes the victory sign.



Saddam greets reporters.

The summit backed the PLO's peace strategy based on setting up a Palestinian state alongside Israel and seeking Middle East peace negotiations with Israel under UN auspices.

It condemned terrorism in all its forms, echoing Arafat's renunciation of terrorism and responding to US President George Bush's call for such endorsement.

## US envoy meets Aoun

### Accept Arab decision

By Mohammed Annan

BEIRUT, May 27: The unexpected return to Beirut of US Ambassador John McCarthy is directly linked to resolutions adopted by the emergency Arab summit conference which concluded its sessions in Casablanca yesterday, the daily Seyassah has learned.

McCarthy, whose country has supported the Arab League initiative on Lebanon, met yesterday with the heads of Lebanon's dual government to convey US support for the Arab summit resolutions.

Al Seyassah also came to know that McCarthy has served a clear warning to General Michel Aoun to accept the Arab resolutions, reminding him that these resolutions have gained a wide Arab and international support. The US ambassador was believed to have also warned Aoun of the consequences of rejecting the resolutions.

In West Beirut, the Arab resolutions drew a generally positive response. Dr Salim Hoss in a statement yesterday welcomed and supported the resolutions and expressed his government's readiness to co-operate with the three Arab committee to implement them. Government sources in West Beirut expressed optimism about the resolutions especially since the Arab League committee on Lebanon has been raised from a ministerial level to a head of state level. This development, in view of West Beirut government sources, reflected Arab seriousness in finding a quick solution to the Lebanese crisis.



King Fahd (right) chats with Hafez Al Assad.



Khaddafi raising his arm in victory.

CASABLANCA, May 27, (Reuter): After a couple of setbacks to a peace offensive he launched last year, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is back on course with fellow Arabs solidly behind him.

An Arab summit meeting in Morocco, summoned partly in response to steady lobbying by the PLO chairman, has turned a PLO initiative into a common Arab strategy.

The Tehran-based rebel alliance representing the Shiite minority in Afghanistan is at odds with the Sunni Muslim rebels based in Pakistan.

The outcome, announced on Friday after four days of efforts to accommodate the radical views of Syria, was almost exac-

tely what Arafat needed to show the world he is not the only Arab willing to make peace with Israel in exchange for land.

"The PLO has won 100 per cent support from the Arab summit," PLO spokesman Ahmed Abderrahman said.

The organisation's success, though not as dramatic as at earlier landmarks in the PLO offensive, is a welcome change from the defeat it suffered in the battle for membership of the World Health Organisation (WHO) earlier this month.

Now, most importantly for

Arafat, the Arab kings, sheikhs and presidents have avoided sending Washington negative signals just as it starts to put flesh on a Middle East peace policy.

US President George Bush, in a message to summit host King Hassan earlier this week, described the Casablanca summit as an opportunity to enhance the prospects for Middle East peace.

He suggested the Arab leaders contribute to the process by endorsing the concessions Arafat has made over the last six months and avoid steps which would add to the obstacles.

US diplomats said they were particularly concerned the summit might reject outright the idea of elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where Palestinians have been in revolt against Israeli rule since December 1987.

They were also watching to see if the PLO, piqued at its full membership of WHO, might task Arab states to exclude Israel from other international organisations.

The Casablanca summit did not take these steps.

## Observer force won't be formed

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and to lift their blockades.

But soon after the meeting ended, there were clashes in mountains southeast of Beirut, raising fears that fighting could resume in earnest.

Aoun, in his first public comment on the summit, said today: "We reject any international or regional policy that forces us to surrender.

"We will only accept a free and independent country that belongs to all its citizens living according to their own will, free of the influence of states seeking to fulfil their own political goals in Lebanon. Lebanon has moved from the era of submission to the age of revolution."

Aoun, a Christian, heads a military cabinet rivalling the Syrian-backed administration of Sunni Muslim acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss. Hoss has pledged to co-operate with the Arab committee.

The Arab observer force organised by an Arab League committee on Lebanon to monitor the ceasefire between Christian and Syrian forces will not be formed, Sheikh Sabah said in a statement published today.

Sheikh Sabah made the announcement in formally disbanding the six-member Arab League committee after the summit, named the three-member committee.

During the summit, Syria balked at plans to dispatch the Arab observer force to Lebanon to monitor the ceasefire.

"The assignment of the Arab League's six-man committee on Lebanon has now been totally terminated as a result of a decision by Arab leaders to set up a higher tripartite panel of three Arab heads of state," said Sheikh Sabah in a statement published in a Kuwaiti daily.

He said the 321-member Arab observer will not be formed "because there is no need for it since the whole matter has been assigned to the higher committee which will now take up the duty of handling the deteriorating situation in Lebanon."

Diplomatic sources said that Saudi Arabia, which has given Syria billions of dollars in aid, might give the new panel more weight.

King Fahd has leverage not only with Syria but also with the Lebanese leaders, and with Washington where he can push for the Israeli pullout from the south," said one of the sources. The Saudi monarch is scheduled to pay an official visit to the US as of July 27.

Syrian artillery shelled the Christian coastline north of Beirut today despite an appeal for ceasefire.

Police reported no casualties in the sporadic shelling by 130mm howitzers deployed in Muslim West Beirut aimed at blockading Christian ports.

The Syrians have been shelling the besieged Christian enclave daily since May 11.

The conservative Ad-Diyar daily of Beirut reported that an unnamed senior Arab official telephoned Aoun and Hoss yesterday to say the ceasefire "is now final and thorough."

Ad-Diyar, which is close to Aoun, said the Arab official informed both Lebanese leaders that sea blockades imposed by Aoun and the Syrians "will be lifted next week."

A land siege by Syrian troops and their militia allies of the 10-square-mile (800-sq-kilometre) Christian enclave will also be called off next week, the report added, without elaboration.

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah returned to Kuwait tonight from Morocco where he attended the Arab summit.

Sheikh Saad was greeted at the airport by Commander of the National Guards Sheikh Salem Al Ali, sheikhs, ministers, senior government officials and a number of private citizens.

Although it did not catch up with Arafat on each point, it showed the Arab consensus moving closer and closer to explicit recognition of a two-state solution—an independent state of Palestine alongside Israel in its pre-1967 borders.

The Arab heads of state did not, however, recognise the state of Israel, as Arafat did in Geneva in December.

On the Israeli elections proposal, the summit said voting should only take place after an Israeli withdrawal, under UN supervision.

## Survey issued on reasons behind frequent jail terms

THE General Planning and Information Department at the Ministry of the Interior has issued a new statistical report under the title 'Remanded Inmates', which includes a detailed study into why released prisoners often find their way back into jail and gives recommendations on the social care of ex-convicts and means to protect them from slipping back into criminal ways.

The report was based on a 40-question survey covering social and economic circumstances and the educational level of prisoners, as well as the number of times some of them had been jailed and on what type of charges.

The survey dealt with inmates from the central, Dous and women prison over a period of 18 months.

The report concluded that criminals, despite the severe code of punishment, fall back into their criminal way either through social pressure or because the penal code is not severe enough and hence requires re-consideration.

According to the report the remanded inmates in Kuwait are mostly male totalling 110 and constituting 97.3 per cent of the total prisoners, while only 3 females returned to custody a percentage of 2.7.

The report states that remanded inmates belong to five definite age groups

the largest of which is between 27 and 35 years, totalling 44 and constituting 38.9 per cent, who are immediately followed by those between 18 and 26 years, totalling 28 and constituting 24.8 per cent.

Other categories involve those between 36 and 44 years, totalling 26 and forming 23 per cent, while the next category includes those between 45 and 53, totalling 12 and forming 10.6 per cent, while the last category involves those over 54, totalling 3 and forming only 2.7 per cent.

According to the report the majority of remanded prisoners are Kuwaitis, totalling 83 and forming 75.2 per cent of all prisoners, while prisoners with unidentified nationalities were only 28 constituting 24.8 per cent.

The report noted that other nationalities are usually subject to deportation.

The report indicated that 113 frequent inmates were of intermediate educational level, 33 of secondary educational level and 14 illiterates while those with university education totalled 4 and even fewer with elementary educational level.

The report says that frequent inmates with intermediate and secondary educational levels formed 75 per cent of the total number of prisoners under study.

The report also noted that 41 per cent of the frequent inmates were bachelors, 41 per cent married, 17 per cent divorcees and 2.7 per cent widowers, indicating that the lack of a sense of responsibility and youth were the reasons for the return of bachelors to jail, compared to married inmates.

The report says that 40 per cent of frequent inmates come from the governorate of Hawalli, 25 per cent from Jahra, 23 per cent from Ahmad and only 13 per cent from the Capital, and that 41 per cent of the total crimes were committed in Hawalli, 26 per cent in the Capital Governorate, 19 per cent in Jahra, and 15 per cent in Alutum.

## Drop out rate of students at low level

### Alternatives offered

THE assistant Undersecretary at the Ministry of Education, Dr Rashed Al Hamad has said that the student drop out rate caused by the difficulty of educational curricula is very normal. He added that the phenomena exists among Kuwaiti students and varies according to the educational stages.

In an interview with a local daily, he pointed out that Kuwait has one of the lowest rates of student drop-outs compared with other countries.

Studies on this issue revealed that the phenomena is higher at the later educational stages. He said that studies on the reasons behind it are greatly connected to the personality of the students. Other reasons are family, social and school problems.

The study revealed that the length of some curricula and their inability to adapt with the environment and age of students affected the dropout rates.

#### Review

He said that the Ministry of Education is always keen to review its curricula and forms committees to follow-up their development at all educational stages.

Hamad pointed out that the Ministry of Education established the parallel education system two years ago to facilitate students who are not able to continue education at the intermediate stage. He added that parallel education directs students towards a more professional and technical career and has proven to be successful over the past two years.

## Exam cheats caught

THE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education Abdul Rahman Al Khudari has said that the ministry staff last Thursday apprehended a number of students while attempting to cheat during the exams in certain educational areas.

The majority involved were students sitting exams at the Education Centre for the Elderly. Appropriate measures are being taken which includes preventing them appearing for the remaining exams of the first term, and from sitting for the second term exams in more serious cases, the official said.

He pointed out that attempted cheating rates had dropped dramatically following the enforcement of strict control measures, compared to rates recorded over the past three years.

He added this also indicated a positive response by students to the ministry measures, which, among other things, encouraged the nursing of a sense of self-reliance.

#### Reports

He expressed satisfaction with the progress of exams this year, stressing that no difficulties had so far been encountered by the '89 exam committees and that the daily reports on exam progress submitted by these committees in the five governorates were encouraging.

He said that the ministry had distributed teachers of the elementary and intermediate levels to act as invigilators, while teachers of the first and secondary stages were assigned to exercise control at examination venues.

Teachers of the final secondary stages were commissioned to correct exam papers the official said.

Question papers were prepared by specialised committees comprising university teachers. All questions were confined to the limits of the prescribed books, Khudari added.

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Catch of the day

Local fishermen proudly display the day's catch to prospective customers. Fish remains to be the most popular dish in the country and much bating will take place before it reaches appreciative consumers.

#### Double alert

## Fire dept ready for summer

THE director of the General Fire Department, Brigadier Ahmad Husain Abdul Razzaq told a local daily that the department is alert throughout the year to conduct its duties. This readiness increases during summer months, in particular, when temperatures soar.

Fire brigades arrive at fire locations in record time. Some fire centres distributed at different Kuwaiti areas have two teams of firemen, due to the large area and density of population like the Salmiya centre which covers many districts. When one team is called to a fire the other team will stay alert and ready to go, should another fire be reported simultaneously, the official said.

Regarding new projects, Brigadier Razzaq stressed that preparations are underway for the establishment of a fire fighting college in Salmiya.

He added that the department has stopped holding training courses for the time being.

He indicated that the new fire fighting college will offer training courses in many fields like advanced sciences, and practical training on modern equipment and scientific fire fighting methods.

Razzaq explained that the General Fire Department will conduct some transfers of workers at centres on a limited scale.

#### WEATHER

HOT summer weather will continue with moderate north-westerly wind may freshen at times.

State of sea: Moderate to rough

High water: 4.24 pm

Last high: 11.07 am, 11.58 pm

Sunrise: 4.50 am

Maximum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 45°C 137°F

Ahmadi: 43°C 102°F

Falaki: 41°C 104°F

Mishref temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 35°C 95°F

Ahmadi: 31°C 88°F

Falaki: 32°C 90°F

Maximum temperatures expected:

Kuwait: 45°C 137°F

Ahmadi: 43°C 102°F

Falaki: 42°C 108°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 28 per cent

Ahmadi: 38 per cent

## Training programmes fulfill local needs

THE director-general of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training Dr Abdul Rahman Al Muhaileh has told a local daily that the authority has been able to provide the labour market with certain professional cadre to meet local demand.

He added that the authority's various programmes were intended to meet the national policy of meeting the demand for professional specialists and that therefore youths are encouraged to join the various authority institutions and colleges.

Muhaileh said that a meeting was arranged with representatives from the authority, Kuwait University, the Planning Ministry and the Ministry of Higher Education to establish a clear well-knit plan for manpower development.

He said that the existing expatriate manpower in Kuwait was 96 per cent of which 60 per cent are non-Arabs.

#### Education

He added that the authority is currently preparing a new study aimed at diversifying the curricular subject matter for secondary education.

The poor social view of vocational skills discouraged students from attempting to learn such skills or receive professional training in different practical fields, he added.

The training course will be attended by experts from Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), Industrial Investment Corporation and Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED).

#### New measures effective

## Strict control over medicines

FOLLOWING the arrest of two pharmacists on charges of dealing in drugs, the Ministry of Public Health has recently instituted preventive measures, according to a ministry official.

The measures will be effective, acting undersecretary at the ministry Ibrahim Al Mudaf was quoted as saying in a local daily.

The health registration system currently being enforced by some health areas and which will be introduced at others will further contribute towards reducing this menace, the official said.

He added that pharmacists are held fully responsible for all drugs in their custody. The Special Pharmacists Division conducts periodical checks to

ascertain the authenticity of the level of drugs and pharmacists are taken to task if the drug quantities do not tally.

New unified prices of medications will be applicable from next June, Mudaf said and added that there is clear understanding and co-operation between the ministry and the Union of Importers of Medications regarding this issue.

The ministry has begun to appoint pharmacists and assistant pharmacists to replenish existing shortages in the pharmaceutical sector, the official said.

The ministry is considering the feasibility of purchasing very costly medicines for use in specialised treatment programmes, Mudaf concluded.

#### Palestinian aid

## British charity on fund-raising visit

By Fathima Ahmed

Arab Times staff

DR SWEET CHAI ANH and Dr Pauline Cutting, the representatives of Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) will arrive on Monday to raise funds for the British charity.

The charity, set up in 1984, caters to the medical needs of refugees in Lebanon, Jordan and the occupied territories. Working closely with the Palestine Red Crescent Society, it assists in reconstructing damaged medical facilities, providing medical staff in clinics and hospitals, supports hospital projects serving refugees and is dedicated to the humanitarian needs of displaced persons.

Dr Sweet, who witnessed the massacre of Palestinians at the Sabra and Shatila camps, has recently published her book "From Beirut to Jerusalem," giving a personal account of her experiences in war-torn Lebanon from 1982 to 1988. She also appeared as a witness at the Israeli Kahan Commission in Jerusalem, which was investigating the massacres. In a recently published interview, she explained why she testified.

Dr Sweet told a British newspaper: "There is a widespread school of thought among medical people that you should not comment on the political environment. We were in our hospital saving a handful of lives while hundreds were being shot down outside. It would have been wrong of me not to testify, to tell the world what I saw."

Recently, she went to the Gaza Strip to set up the first substantial medical programme for the victims of the intifada (uprising).

Dr Pauline Cutting, OBE, is also involved with MAP and worked in Lebanon from 1983 to 1987 at the Bourj el Barajneh camp. In 1986, together with the camp's population, she lived in a state of total siege until her return was negotiated in April 1987. Last year, Dr Pauline's book "Children of the Siege" became a best-seller and is also said to have contributed much towards the understanding of the Palestinian suffering by the British public.

Their visit to Kuwait has been organised by the Kuwaiti Women's Social and Cultural Society, which has also planned a fund-raising dinner at the Regency Palace Hotel on May 29.

On May 30, Dr Sweet and Dr Pauline will give a talk on the present status of refugees in Lebanon and the occupied territories. The talk will be held at the premises of the Kuwait Medical Society.

The British charity is sponsored by noted personalities including Sir Geoffrey Howe, Neil Kinnock and Dame Peggy Ashcroft.

MAP has also planned a royal dinner for the children of Palestine on June 7 in London, under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra. A similar dinner held last year raised £50,000 to support MAP's activities.



A scene from the dress rehearsal.

## Farce of the year opening tonight

### Guaranteed fun

By Archie Gordon

Special to Arab Times

AT the end of what can only be described as a farce of a season by Kuwait Players own standards, their final performance is, fittingly, a farce — in the theatrical sense.

The character, however, who brings real life to the show in the second act is Mike Robinson as a police constable. His interaction with Paul Brown, who by this time has not only lost his trousers but gained a dress, is very funny, both script wise and acting wise.

It was also nice to see at the rehearsals that the actors themselves had suggestions as to how their own performances could be improved and that fine tuning can only benefit the audience's enjoyment of the show.

The show opens tonight in the Universal American School and runs until Thursday. It is a very funny show, carried not only by the typical farce mistaken identity scenarios but by a very strong script.

Kuwait Players production is directed by Mike Johnston who has cast the show wonderfully well. Paul Brown does look like a bokkie and your fantasies of a Norwegian nympho will become reality when you see Michelle Jeans as Tovi the au pair.

There are lots of other charac-

## 20,000 Kuwaiti pilgrims

About 20,000 pilgrims will leave to the holy lands from Kuwait to perform pilgrimage this year, according to a local daily.

Authorities have decided June 25 to be the last day for departure of caravans going to Madina and July 7 for caravans proceeding to Makkah.

Pilgrims will travel in 27 caravans. Of these, 45 caravans will go to Makkah through Madina while 12 caravans will go to Makkah directly, the daily added.

The Ministry of Health called upon pilgrims planning to go to the holy lands to visit its preventive health centres for vaccination against Mammah.

Pilgrims should visit the expatriate labour and Ports Health Centre (in Shuwaikh) in the morning and the following health centres in the evenings (from 5-8 pm) Faiba—Salmiya—Hawalli—Farwaniya—Jahra—Fahabeel. All pilgrims must take with them the health card for pilgrims. They must be vaccinated against the disease at least 3 weeks before departure.

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# Foreign economic policies need more study

## Imported programmes may prove costly

By Jadrana Porter  
Arab Times staff

A GROUP of leading Arab economists yesterday warned the Arab states against plunging headlong into imported economic programmes, an exercise which could cost them far more than home-grown development schemes.

Ahmed Zayed, an Egyptian economist from Qatar University,

sity urged Arab nations to examine local conditions and make detailed calculations before adopting schemes that had proved successful in other, developing or developed, countries.

A case in point is the drive towards privatisation which succeeded in the industrialised countries and which is gathering momentum in the Arab world, he said.

**Patient deaths cause alarm**

### Negligence blamed

THE death of patients due to the negligence of doctors has made this topic one of the most crucial issues in the local medical arena, according to a large section of residents interviewed by a local daily.

Discounting technical or other reasons, some deaths have been attributed to doctors' negligence, residents said and added that officials and doctors refuse to accept negligence as a contributory factor.

Medical negligence can pose serious consequences, as it may well lead to a loss of trust between patients and doctors which is an essential element towards treatment, one of the residents said.

Residents called on officials to redress the situation by organising training courses to improve the level of expertise of some doctors and recommended imposing stricter punitive measures on doctors proved to have been negligent or derelict in the performance of their official duties.

They pointed out that the practice of medicine is one profession where any error or negligence cannot be condoned or overlooked.

A number of residents pointed out that bad diagnosis is a general problem and that a number of officials try to conceal negligence committed by some doctors.

"Our lives are not cheap and our bodies should not be used for experimental purposes," some residents said. They added that

Zayed told the Arab Times that the Gulf states face a particularly challenging task in devising their economic programmes and suggested they carefully study the outcome of economic plans both in the developed and Third World countries.

"Politically the Gulf states belong to the Third World. From the economic point of view, however, they are unique, although their economies include

some of the features of the Western economies," said Zayed.

Speaking at a three-day conference on the role of the state in economic activity Zayed highlighted economic, ideological and legal functions of the state.

In the Third World, he said, the state apparatus is oversized and autonomous, holding most, if not all, of the power. The state reserves the right to intervene in

the economy, distribute goods and services, and encourage private sector activity, he explained.

In what was primarily an academic discussion on the first day of the conference the speakers refrained from evaluating the merits of any of the political or economic systems. A more detailed account of their views will emerge in recommendations at the end of the conference.



### Police College inaugurated

Kuwait's Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah today inaugurated the new premises of Police College. The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Ministry's Undersecretary Major-General Yusuf Al Khoraifi, the Assistant Undersecretary for Police Affairs Brigadier Mohammed Al Obaidi, the Assistant Undersecretary for Financial and Administrative Affairs Abdullah Al Hudaib and the Assistant Undersecretary for Nationality and Travel Documents Affairs Haji Mozayen in addition to a number of ministry's senior officials. The minister and the accompanying delegation were received at the site by the Director-General of Police College Brigadier Khaled Al Muhayes and number of the college's senior officials.

## Vehicle technical tests under fire

THE method of testing vehicles at the Traffic Department has been criticised by a number of motorists, according to a local daily who interviewed vehicle owners.

Falah Al Ajmar said that a few of the technical tests displayed an utter lack of knowledge of the job requirements.

Waro Jhan criticised the supervision of officials

and added that the public were hampered in speedily processing of their formalities due to red tape. Jhan called for using technical equipments in undertaking vehicle testing.

Hamed Al Jassar, said that the delay in completion of formalities is basically due to administrative bottlenecks and employees not dedicated to their respective job functions.

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93.	101208	191.	117551	286.	48900	382.	25905	478.	40659	574.	42484
94.	98999	192.	29369	287.	95948	383.	7329	479.	103672	575.	19070
95.	57394	193.	26029	288.	58329	384.	78168	480.	12368	576.	38634
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108.	66598	206.	63904	301.	103180	397.	21153	493.	124352	589.	108032
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111.	15581	209.	41124	304.	103369	400.	41778	496.	1551	592.	105619
112.	12581	210.	129710	305.	76118	401.	103430	497.	95229	593.	50233
113.	72611	211.	17077	306.	402.	402.	57227	498.	95550	594.	129956
114.	40423	212.	38480	307.	20943	403.	128561	499.	61179	595.	72375
115.	117447	213.	121517	308.	57683	404.	27664	500.	37879	596.	68686
116.	117447	214.	41729	309.	108077	405.	59027	501.	152200	597.	98715
117.	113868	215.	86541	310.	6934	406.	128835	502.	67030	598.	113715
118.	79695	216.	4164	311.	105128	407.	26393	503.	117445	599.	26622
119.	60609	217.	77471	312.	75710	408.	49649	504.	88518	600.	84003
120.	103302	218.	80011	313.	53279	409.	112681	505.	105201	601.	57506
121.	59684	219.	31317	314.	61794	410.	97422	506.	42000	602.	123125
122.	1075	220.	40448	315.	7417	411.	80772	507.	98395	603.	35683
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# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

KNOWLEDGE comes, but wisdom lingers—Lord Alfred Tennyson, English poet (1809-1892).

## Turkish minority suffers in Bulgaria

THE reports of the international press and media on the deplorable incident which took place in Bulgaria in recent days have constituted a source of grave concern for the Turkish Grand National Assembly.

According to these reports the hunger strikes and innocent demonstrations staged by ethnic Turks in order to voice their demands for the restoration of their fundamental rights and freedoms which have been usurped since 1984 and the termination of the oppressive practices, have been repressed by the Bulgarian security forces through recourse to inhuman violence and bloodshed.

Some Turks have fallen victim to Bulgarian terror while others have suffered casualties. The Turkish Grand National Assembly, in a statement issued on May 24 said that it shared deeply the sufferings of the Turkish minority in Bulgaria and upheld their cause on behalf of the Turkish nation.

The statement added that the attitude of the Bulgarian authorities, which runs counter to the spirit of our times and the positive international developments, has caused deep indignation.

It is not possible to condone or overlook the recourse to the terror of this magnitude on the eve of the 21st century by a country claiming to be European.

Bulgaria refuses to allow journalists to cover the serious incident taking place, instructs its state-controlled press not to mention the incident and maintains its silence in the face of the demand of the international community for information about these grave developments.

These incidents have once again thrown light on the dimensions of the tragedy of the Turkish minority in Bulgaria in a manner comprehensive for all. Intolerant as she is even of the efforts of the Turkish minority to have its voice heard by the world, Bulgaria must comprehend without delay that she cannot attain results through her policy of oppression.

If she fails to do so, all countries respectful of human rights must certainly impress upon Bulgaria the fact that it is not possible for a country in Europe to liquidate by force a minority of 1.5 million people.

The Turkish Grand National Assembly strongly condemned Bulgaria's policy of oppression and her crime against humanity, and appealed to the parliaments of the world to call for an end to the Bulgarian atrocities and to support the rightful cause of the Turkish minority by taking action in the face of the screams issuing from Bulgaria."

Statement of the spokesman of the State Department of USA on May 24, 1989 regarding the recent events in Bulgaria:

Q: The New York Times has a story today on the recent demonstrations, recent events in Bulgaria. It seems troops opened fire on thousand of ethnic Turks who were demonstrating for their ethnic rights, and supposedly many people were killed and wounded. Do you have any reaction on that?

A: Yes, I do. We deplore Bulgaria's blatant use of force is attempting to silence the long-repressed ethnic Turkish minority. We have repeatedly raised our objections in both bilateral and international forums to the Bulgarian treatment of its ethnic Turkish minority."

Statement issued on May 24, 1989 by US Senator, DeConcini, chairman of the congress on European Security and Co-operation Commission and co-chairman, Congressional Hoyer, regarding the reports that members of Bulgaria's Turkish community were fired upon and killed.

The Helsinki commission is appalled and saddened by reports that members of Bulgaria's Turkish community were fired upon and killed by Bulgarian security forces, while participating in peaceful demonstrations against actions of the Bulgarian government. Such deplorable government behaviour violates international covenants regarding civil and political rights as well as common standards of decency.

"This most recent outbreak of violence fits into a long and brutal pattern of repression by the Bulgarian government which has sought since the 1950s to assimilate the country's Turkish minority. During the 1980s, this forced assimilation programme assumed the form of large-scale human rights abuses as the government strove to eradicate the Turkish minority's Islamic identity and to erase its cultural heritage. The weekend's events are a tragic testament that the Bulgarian government has not been swayed by the world outcry against the assimilation campaign, there is no sign that the government intends to cease its goal of stamping out a national minority."

"The right to assemble freely and engage in the non-violent expression of one's views is enshrined in Article 20 of the universal declaration of human rights. This article states the simple principle that, "everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association."

Bulgaria has willingly agreed to adhere to the universal declaration. Moreover, this past January in Vienna, Bulgaria, along with the 34 other signatory states of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE), agreed by consensus to the Vienna concluding document, which affirms the rights of minorities and the right of association.

"The Bulgarian government's cynical and cruel violations of its voluntary obligations have not been ignored by the United States or other members of the world community. During the Vienna CSCE follow-up meeting, the US delegation and others repeatedly addressed the issue of cultural and religious freedom for the Turkish minority in Bulgaria. Last month in London, the United States pressed Bulgaria on the same question during the information forum, a CSCE meeting that examined the status of member states' compliance with the freedom of information provisions of the Helsinki accords.

"On Tuesday, May 30, the first meeting of the conference on the human dimension will convene in Paris. The purpose of the conference, as well as the subsequent meeting in Copenhagen in 1990 and Moscow in 1991, is to accelerate and solidify the human rights progress made during the Vienna follow-up meeting. The United States will publicly call for an accounting from Bulgaria for its violations of its Helsinki obligations and demand that its human rights performance rise to the standards it has willingly accepted."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1533 — England's archbishop Cranmer pronounces Anne Boleyn's marriage to King Henry VIII valid.

1568 — Duke of Alva confiscates properties of William of Orange and other nobles opposing Spanish rule in the Netherlands.

1674 — Holy Roman Emperor Leopold I declares war on France.

1741 — Treaty is signed between Spain and Bavaria to partition Hapsburg lands.

1812 — Russia, by treaty of Bucharest with Turkey, obtains Bessarabia and withdraws demands for Moldavia and Wallachia, and peace enables Tsar to act against Napoleon Bonaparte.

1864 — Austria-Hungary's Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian lands in Vera Cruz, Mexico, to become emperor.

1919 — Armenia declares its independence.

1940 — Belgium capitulates to Germany in World War II — British and French troops begin evacuation from Dunkirk, France.

1961 — Paris-Bucharest Orient Express train makes final trip after 78 years.

1971 — Soviet Union launches spacecraft toward planet Mars.

1974 — Coalition government in Northern Ireland collapses as economy is crippled by extremist Protestant groups strikes.

1976 — United States and Soviet Union sign treaty limiting size of underground nuclear explosions set off for peaceful purposes.

1979 — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat announces opening of air corridors between Egypt and Israel.

1984 — Iran's President Ali Khamenei warns Arab states in Gulf area to stay out of Iraq's conflict with Iran or "bear the consequences."

1986 — The world's two most experienced Soviet spacemen take a nearly four-hour walk from their Salyut-7 orbiting station.

1987 — Senior law enforcement officials from nine nations gather in Paris to explore expansion of international co-operation against terrorism.

1988 — Yugoslav government introduces new austerity programme that includes devaluation of dinar and massive price increases.

## Aftermath of Arab summit

# Egypt unlikely to launch big initiatives

By Myra MacDonald

EGYPT, the only Arab country to make peace with Israel, is back at the heart of Arab politics but diplomats and commentators predict the country will not use its new-found role to launch high-profile initiatives.

The Arab world's most populous country and once the focus of Arab nationalism, Egypt returned to centre-stage at the Arab League at an emergency summit in Casablanca last week after 10 years in the cold.

But President Hosni Mubarak, unlike his late Anwar Sadat who signed the peace treaty with Israel in 1979, is a cautious man.

"To be the party that sets the trend is not a thing Mubarak has done before," Egyptian columnist Mohammed Syed Ahmed said. "I don't see him turning overnight into adopting a strategy of leading everyone."

Mubarak sealed Egypt's return with a keynote address and meetings with President Hafez Al-Assad of Syria and Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, vociferous opponents of the peace treaty.

He made Egypt's presence felt, taking a leading role in efforts to rally the summit round PLO leader Yasser Arafat's peace strategy and spearheading a call from Arab moderates for a withdrawal of Syrian and other foreign forces from Lebanon.

But diplomats and Middle East analysts said Egypt was more likely to try to consolidate its new position through quiet diplomacy rather than use it as a platform for high-profile policies.

Syed Ahmed, who writes for the semi-official Al-Ahram newspaper, said events had unfolded more quickly than Egypt had expected.

"It has come Egypt's way a little bit beyond Egypt's expectations. When you have it this way it is not very easy to ride the horse at once," he said.

Egypt, the analysts said, would be unwilling to risk anything which jeopardised the new spirit of

reconciliation, particularly with Syria which, with Libya and Lebanon, has not yet restored diplomatic ties with Cairo.

It also had only limited room for manoeuvre on the two main problems facing the region — the Palestinian question and the Lebanese civil war.

On the first, it has the advantage of speaking to all parties. It has close contacts with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat, it is the United States' closest Arab ally and has made peace with Israel.

It has not rejected US favoured plans for elections in the Israeli-occupied territories although it stopped well short of backing Israel's own election proposals, dismissed by the Palestinians as an attempt to appease their 17-month-old uprising.

But diplomats said Egypt's return to mainstream Arab politics could limit its room for manoeuvre. "If there is to be a common Arab position, Egypt might have to be a bit tougher in its attitude to Israel," one Western diplomat said.

Mubarak, as if highlighting this trend, has said there can be no peace as long as Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir remains in power.

On Lebanon, Egypt has demanded the withdrawal of all foreign forces, including the estimated 40,000 Syrian troops.

But it cannot be an independent peace-maker there as it is too closely allied to Iraq, which supports the Christian side against the Muslim forces backed by Syria, Baghdad's arch-Arab foe.

Analysts also pointed to one other constraint likely to ensure that Cairo tread carefully. Egypt is burdened by foreign debt and needs to bring money in.

For most Egyptians, the important question is not whether Cairo will play a new role in Arab politics but whether it will now be given more money in aid.

(Cairo).



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak

## Bhutan quietly easing out of India's shadow

### Objective: self-reliance

By Michael Neale

THE ancient Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan is quietly easing its way out of the shadow of its giant neighbour India.

As it moves increasingly but cautiously into the modern world, Bhutan's objective is self-reliance.

Bhutanese officials and foreign residents said in recent interviews that Bhutan was pursuing its goal with a combination of strong measures to preserve traditional culture and a gradual expansion of foreign relations.

It is also reducing significantly the number of Indians working in the country.

Under a 1949 treaty with India, which replaced a similar agreement with Britain, New Delhi undertook not to interfere in Bhutan's internal administration while Bhutan agreed to be guided by India in its external relations.

In order to meet an acute shortage and to replace expatriates, the commission is giving priority to training Bhutanese engineers, teachers and doctors, he said.

Hindi, India's main language, was replaced in the 1960s by English as

India remains the kingdom's biggest trading partner and aid donor but under 33-year-old King Jigme Singye Wangchuk, Bhutan has steadily diversified to other markets in the Middle East, Singapore and Western Europe. Tinctor and cardamom are major exports.

Bhutan is treading carefully as it watches similarly landlocked Nepal embroiled in a trade and transit dispute with New Delhi.

Once, 99 per cent of Bhutan's civil servants were expatriates, mainly Indians, according to Dashi Sonam Togye, secretary of the Royal Civil Service Commission. Today 77 per cent are Bhutanese.

In order to meet an acute shortage and to replace expatriates, the commission is giving priority to training Bhutanese engineers, teachers and doctors, he said.

"The demarcation could be solved in half an hour," but the talks with Peking are a convenient opportunity to discuss other subjects," a Western resident said.

"Bhutan is being very careful to remain on good terms with India and to

preserve correct relation with China, and is taking measures to strengthen its national unity," he said.

The other strand of Bhutan's development is the preservation of its culture, in which the state religion, a branch of Mahayana Buddhism, plays a central role.

Under a new decree, all 1.3 million Bhutanese must wear national dress in public or risk a fine or one week in jail.

Since most Bhutanese men always wear the kira, a robe hitched up by a sash at the waist, and women the ankle-length kira, the decree is essentially symbolic.

The government has imposed restrictions to prevent what officials see as the ravages tourism has inflicted on Nepal.

The doubling to \$250 of the daily minimum charge for each tourist has reduced the flow of overseas visitors to 2,000 a year, but more could be on the way.

The national airline Druk-Air has

opened a route to Bangkok with its new and only jet aircraft. All other tourists arrive via India.

Managing director Ugyen Namgyel said he was discussing with Thai and Nepali airlines plans to introduce a "three kingdoms" package that could increase the number of tourists to Bhutan to 4,000-5,000 a year.

With a per capita gross national product of \$160 a year, Bhutan, which is about the size of Switzerland, is classified by the United States as one of the world's poorest countries.

The figure is misleading because Bhutan's predominantly agricultural economy is largely unmonetised. Virtually every Bhutanese family owns land and produce is bartered. No beggars are to be seen.

"Gross national happiness is more important to us than GNP," said Finance Ministry official Chambula Dorji.

## Intellectuals fear reprisals in China

By Guy Dinmore

CHINESE intellectuals fear purge and reprisals as Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang fails to survive a dramatic end-game against his one-time ally, veteran Deng Xiaoping.

The odds seemed stacked against Zhao the reformist last week when Deng's partner, Premier Li Peng, appeared on state television for the first time in five days, smiling and relaxed.

"China's government is stable," said Li.

The 61-year-old engineer declared martial law in Peking last Saturday to put down a nationwide anti-government revolt which began with a few students five weeks ago but quickly engulfed the country.

The standard-bearer of our reform and open-door policy is comrade Deng Xiaoping — and no one else," Li said in a scarcely-veiled attack on Zhao.

A Western diplomat said: "Deng is the one driving the hardline approach. The decision to push martial law came from him. He has been active in co-ordinating military commanders."

Chinese journalists and intellectuals normally happy to be interviewed by their Western colleagues backed away, some clearly terrified, when it seemed Zhao was losing.

### Safe

"It's not safe to speak on the phone," one said simply.

Chinese sources spoke of unconfirmed accounts that China's hardline faction headed by Deng had drawn up a list of more than 100 people to be arrested or dismissed.

Among the leading names were Defence Minister Qin Jiwei who was reported to have opposed the use of martial law, and leading dissident scientists Fang Lizhi and his wife Li Shuxian.

Deng had Fang expelled from the Communist Party in 1987, accusing him of fueling student protests which led to the downfall of party leader Hu Yaobang, a serious blow for China's reform-minded intellectuals.

Also high on the list of people labelled 'black hands' was Bao Tong, the head of Zhao's political reform think-tank which Chinese sources said had been branded a reactionary organisation.

### Fear

Intellectuals feared that Zhao might be succeeded by 65-year-old politburo member Qiao Shi who is known as the party's policeman for his control over the security forces.

A report from the official New China News Agency indicated that one of Zhao's main supporters, the chairman of the National People's Congress Wan Li, was out of action after arriving home on Thursday from a curtailed visit to the United States.

The 73-year-old Wan, a keen tennis player, was staying in Shanghai for medical treatment, the report said. The agency did not disclose details of his condition.

Diplomats in the city were sceptical that Wan was ill. "It looks like he's been in a coma for a long time," one said.

"It's a mess. You basically have a paralysed leadership," a diplomat in Beijing summed up.

But Chinese journalists said that, unlike in the 1950s and 1960s when thousands of intellectuals were purged, the thinkers of today were part of a mass anti-government movement uniting people from all walks of life who were tired of corruption, bureaucracy and dictatorial overlords.

"Perhaps this movement will protect us. We will need it," said a Chinese journalist who had earlier penned reports sympathetic to the pro-dem

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Non-Kuwaiti price index surges

## Kuwait market turns mixed as indices dip

THE Alshaih Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 37.90 points with a decrease of 0.03 point — 0.08 per cent — from last week's average. The Alshaih Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 67.43 points with an increase of 0.41 point — 0.60 per cent — for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 23.84 million shares at a daily average of 4.77 million shares with a decrease of 33 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 7.09 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 7.29 million shares at a daily average of 1.46 million shares with a decrease of 33 per cent from last week's daily average of 2.17 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD8.34 million at a daily average of KD1.67 million, a decrease of 25 per cent from last week's daily average of KD2.24 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.328 million at a daily average of KD0.066 million, a decrease of 14 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.077 million.

The market showed signs of mixed performance.

In the Kuwaiti shares market all three indices — price, volume, value — were weak, while in the non-Kuwaiti shares market the price index rose compared to last week's and both value and volume indices fell.

The market continues to be in a partially inactive state, mainly because investors have no incentives. Listed companies are not showing favourable performance levels and speculation is risky in a market which is not growing.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector led at 70 per cent of total trading against 45 per cent last week.

The Gulf Bank had the lead at 27 per cent followed by the Commercial Bank at 24 per cent and the National Bank of Kuwait at 15 per cent.

The investment sector came second at 12 per cent of which Kuwaiti Pearl Investment led at 38 per cent followed by Kuwait Investment Projects at 33 per cent, and National Investments at 26 per cent.

Third came the services sector at 10 per cent of total market trading of which Kuwait Commercial Markets led at 52 per cent followed by Mobile Telephone Systems at 46 per cent, and Public Warehousing at 2 per cent.

For the non-Kuwaiti shares market, General Arabian Investment (SHUAA) led at 33 per cent followed by Bahrain and Middle East Bank at 18 per cent and Coast Investment and Development Company at 16 per cent.

**Kuwait shareholding companies index**

Wednesday Wednesday Change  
24/05/89 17/05/89 points

Banking Sector	110.06	110.06	—
The National Bank	32.36	32.36	—
The Gulf Bank	23.27	23.71	-0.44
Al Ahli Bank	31.79	31.79	—
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	30.50	30.03	0.47
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	29.14	29.14	—
Burgan Bank	27.06	27.75	-0.69

—Base period 31/12/1983.

All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

**Industrial protection**  
**ASPIP chief to address meetings**

THE chairman of the Arab Society for the Protection of Industrial Property (ASPIP), Talal Abu-Ghazaleh will attend two international conferences on industrial protection which will be held successively in both Geneva and Amsterdam during May 29 and June 10.

Abu-Ghazaleh will take part first in the meetings of the permanent committee for development co-operation related to industrial protection which will be held at the headquarters of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) in Geneva between May 29 and June 2.

The meetings will be chaired by WIPO's president Dr Arpad Bogsch and attended by delegates of member states and specialised bodies, among them the Arab Society for the Protection of Industrial Property (ASPIP).

The Committee will discuss on the development of human resources, legislative reforms and the enhancement of regulatory institutions of industrial protection at the regional and international levels.

The conferees will also discuss how industrial protection can be made instrumental in the transfer of technology in developing nations.

One of the sessions will be devoted to review the position of industrial protection in the Arab world.

In Amsterdam, Abu-Ghazaleh will participate as observer in the meetings of the International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI) during June 4 to June 10.

These meetings will be held under the patronage of HH Prince Claus of the Netherlands and will be attended by the ministers of economic affairs and justice, the chief justice of the Dutch courts as well as other high ranking personalities.

AIPPI will discuss several working papers touching on such topics as protection of computer programmes, transfer of technology and protection of microbiological inventions.

Industrial protection in developing countries and harmonization of provisions of protection laws will also be reviewed.

Strategies needed to offset investment risks

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff



Sheikh Salem

hinges on diversification and pursuit of stable and long-term returns.

These institutions should seriously seek domestic investment avenues, not only as a contribution to national development in Kuwait, but also with a view to long-term returns.

Sheikh Salem also censured financial institutions which intensified their foreign activity because of what they perceive as limited possibilities for achieving good returns in the Kuwait market.

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Sheikh Salem said a seminar sponsored by the Bank of Kuwait and the Middle East, and Shearson Lehman Hutton, a New York-based investment banks.

His speech to about 100 Kuwaiti bankers summed up the major features of Kuwait's foreign investment policy which

SLH keen to expand ties with Mideast

### AI Badr stresses strategic planning

KUWAIT, May 27. (KUNA): Delivering the symposium's opening statement, chairman and managing director of Bank of Kuwait and Middle East (BKME), Ali Rashed Al Badr said the Kuwait economy was and will continue to be based on achieving the best investment of the country's wealth and funds, depending mainly on the preparation of qualified, capable and trained cadres to manage this important pillar of the development plan.

Since the early 70s, the efforts have been intensified in co-ordination with the public and private financial institutions to reinforce this significant objective.

The training course represents just another pace on the long path of development, Al Badr added.

In a rapidly changing world and amid the vast economic movements, strategic planning is gaining increasing significance, he pointed out.

The managing director, Hanz George Hofman of Shearson Lehman Hutton said that however his firm has an immense capital of over \$5 billion and enjoy major presence throughout the world's market, this must go hand-in-hand with allocating this resource among our various business segments to guarantee success.

Hofman said that being in Kuwait provides his company with a golden opportunity to

context of hedging operations, he warned.

Sheikh Salem stressed that financial institutions should avoid overtrading in securities and that all speculation should be strictly within prescribed limits.

He urged banks and investment firms to apply stringent standards of solvency, profitability and liquidity, effective internal control and conservative accounting measures to calculate profits and losses.

In view of greater capital mobility and the vulnerability of national economies to external shocks, Sheikh Salem called for more stringent supervision of international markets and consistent evaluation of monetary policies in major countries.

Banks should be sure of the solvency of their partners and issue mandatory periodic reports of their own transactions, he said.

Recognising the speculative nature of options and forward contracts he said exposure to these contracts should be related to the cash positions of the institutions dealing in them.

Positions taken in the forward contracts should reflect their (financial institutions) ability to settle their contractual obligations, he stressed.

Any positions and exposures taken by these institutions regarding securities, commodities and foreign exchange should be in the

serve interested investors in the Middle East, not only via its offices in London and New York, but also local headquarters in Dubai and Bahrain.

He added that during the past two years, Shearson Lehman has built stronger ties with leading Middle Eastern institutions.

"We hope to cement and further enhance our relationships in the region and remain committed to providing the highest quality services available in our industry."

The SLH managing director indicated that the institution's business activities include investment, merchant banking, asset management, real estate finance, sales and trading and research in both fixed income.

## Kinnock row with BBC leaked to UK newspaper

LONDON, May 27. (Reuters): The transcript of an embarrassing row between Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock and a radio journalist during which both swore and blasphemed was leaked to a London newspaper yesterday.

The Evening Standard said Kinnock told BBC interviewer James Naughtie that the Conservative government had "buggered up the economy" and that he wouldn't tolerate a "bloody lecture" on the subject.

The dispute arose on Thursday when Kinnock was recording comments on trade figures for the British Broadcasting Corporation's "World at One" news programme.

His remarks were cut out of the broadcast version of the interview but Naughtie told listeners that Kinnock, who is known for his short temper, had "objected to the line of questioning."

The BBC refused to release an official transcript but corporation sources said the Evening Standard account was accurate.

Kinnock became angry when Naughtie pressed him four times to say what a Labour government would do about Britain's April trade deficit of £1.6 billion (\$2.7 billion).

"For Christ's sake, we are the opposition and they are the government," Kinnock snapped. "They have cocked it up totally and I am not going to sit here and be quizzed on the alternatives."

He added: "He (Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson) has buggered it up totally, blown away £100 million (\$160 billion) worth of oil revenues."

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher later taunted Kinnock in Parliament, telling him: "Clearly, the right honourable gentleman could never take a place at this (the government's) dispatch box because he'd object to the line of questioning."

Kinnock aides stressed that he had not used any four-letter words during the exchanges.

Press reports said some BBC news executives wanted to broadcast the row but were overruled.

Newspapers which support the government seized on the incident to recall previous Kinnock gaffes.

## Sheikh Ali back home

KUWAIT, May 27. (KUNA): Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa returned home last night following a three-nation tour that included the United States, Venezuela and Ecuador.

Sheikh Ali also visited the United States and met with senior officials at the American administration, and US Secretary of Energy.

He also delivered a lecture on oil policy in the Arabian Gulf at American Foreign Relations Society.

## Saudi riyal rates firm

### KD deposits steady

KUWAIT, May 27. (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were mostly steady today in a market subdued by the European weekend, dealers said.

The Central Bank invited bids for a new 120 million dinar (\$415 million) issue of 91-day treasury bills for next Wednesday, but the announcement had no immediate effect on rates.

Of the issue, 100 million dinars (\$345 million) will roll over maturing bills while the other 20 million (\$70 million) represent new government borrowing.

Overnight deposits traded at nine per cent compared to 9-1/2 per cent on Thursday, the Gulf's last trading day. Tomorrow-next, spot

## Easier credit policy from Fed

Wall Street's hope for summer

NEW YORK, May 27. (AP): Hopes are spreading on Wall Street that investors will get invited to a financial party this summer catered by the Federal Reserve.

The festivities would have a simple theme: lower interest rates and higher stock prices, courtesy of an easier credit policy from the Fed.

Talk of such a celebration has been increasing for some time now, ever since signs began to show up that the economy was beginning to slow.

Inflation, the target of the Fed's long credit-tightening campaign from early 1988 through the first couple of months of this year hasn't been quite so cooperative.

To judge from the latest readings, it's still running at a 5 per cent annual rate that government officials, and a good many other observers, consider troublesome.

But optimists in the financial world still seem willing to bet that a slower pace of business will sooner or later ease upward pressure on the cost of living.

Conjecture about a change of course at the Fed also has been fanned lately by the sharp rise of the dollar in foreign exchange.

Presumably, a sustained advance in the dollar would be unwelcome in policymaking circles, because it would threaten to reverse the difficult progress that has been made toward shrinking the nation's trade deficit.

So far, efforts to keep the dollar stable have consisted mainly of intervention by the Fed and other banks in the foreign exchange markets.

If that proves insufficient, the reasoning goes, the Fed might want to lower interest rates in this country to reduce the flow of international funds into dollars.

For the moment, the dollar's

strength seems to have worked in the US markets' favour.

"Whether this marks a major turn in the dollar remains to be seen," said Martin Zweig in his investment advisory letter the Zweig Forecast.

"However, in recent days there has been a sharp pickup in foreign demand for US stocks as those abroad fear they may miss the dollar on the dollar."

The 6-month-old rally in stock prices levelled off in the past week. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, which had climbed 119.14 points over the two preceding weeks, slipped back 7.33 to 2,493.77.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index edged up .39 to 179.31; the Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market rose 3.16 to 445.21, and the American Stock Exchange Market value index was up 1.18 at 355.01.



## Kuwait and Morocco sign trade accord

CASABLANCA, May 27. (Reuters): OPEC technical experts now meeting in Vienna are studying two possible output ceilings, one of about 19.7 million barrels per day and another of more than 20 million BPD. Venezuela's Energy and Mines Minister Celestino Armas said yesterday.

Speaking after an extraordinary assembly of the state oil company Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA), Armas said Venezuela had not yet decided whether to support a production increase at the June 5 OPEC ministerial conference in Vienna.

Armas said Venezuelan technical experts attending meetings at the OPEC secretariat in Vienna had told him there were two theses about raising output above the current 18.5 million BPD.

"One thesis is to increase (production) by around a million barrels, to bring the ceiling to about 19.7 million BPD, and another group has the thesis of going a little beyond 20 million BPD," Armas said.

"But this is still at the level of the OPEC economy committee. We'll await their final report before we make a decision," he said.

Armas said he would travel in a few days to Vienna to attend the meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' market monitoring and long-term strategy committee, which is scheduled to meet from June 2-4.

Armas said the eight-member experts committee would evaluate the behaviour of the world oil market during the first half of 1989.

"I am very hopeful that we will arrive at new understandings with which all the (OPEC) countries can comply, which will allow us to assure market stability and the strengthening of prices," Armas said.

Meanwhile, OPEC conference president Alhaji Rilwan Lukman has praised the "refreshing new approach" by industrialised countries towards oil producers since 1986, saying they had moved from "confrontation to co-operation."

Lukman was receiving an honorary fellowship of the Institute of Mining and

## American consumer spending shoots up

WASHINGTON, May 27. (AP): US consumer spending shot up 1.1 per cent in April, the biggest advance in nearly a year, outpacing a 0.4 per cent increase in personal income, the government reported yesterday.

Consumer spending is closely watched as an indicator of the economy's health because it accounts for two-thirds of overall economic activity.

The rebound in spending last month was partly attributed to a rise in auto sales, which perked up somewhat in April after carmakers launched a round of rebates and cut-rate financing deals to lure customers back.

The combination of a strong spending increase and the sluggish income gain produced a sharp reduction in the personal savings rate, which dropped to 5.3 per cent last month from a three-year high of 6.3 per cent during the previous month, the Commerce Department said.

The April increase in personal income was the smallest gain since income fell 0.2 per cent last November. Personal income had risen a strong 0.8 per cent in March and 1.0 per cent in February.

Last month's increase in personal income, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$4.37 trillion, would have been stronger were it not for decreases in farm subsidies over the past two months, coupled with bonuses for autoworkers and retroactive social security benefit payments that inflated March's figure.

Excluding those special factors, personal income advanced a strong 0.8 per cent in April after rising 0.7 per cent in March.

The 1.1 per cent increase in personal consumer expenditures, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$3.42 trillion, was the biggest advance since a 1.3 per cent increase was registered last June.

Expenditures had risen just 0.3 per cent in March and 0.4 per cent in February, causing analysts to attribute part of the current slowdown in economic growth to slackening consumer spending.

The pickup in auto sales was the primary power behind a 3.2 per cent increase last month in consumer spending on durable goods — "big ticket" items expected to last at least three years.

Spending on durable goods last month rose to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$467.1 trillion after declining during the previous two months, when auto sales had been weak.

## Copenhagen proposes tax reforms

COPENHAGEN, May 27. (Reuter): Prime Minister Poul Schlüter yesterday unveiled proposals for a major reform of Denmark's tax and social security system but the opposition condemned the plan as socially unjust and economically useless.

Schlüter said he planned some 40 billion crowns (\$5.3 billion) a year in tax cuts and would finance this through higher payments from those who use social services, eliminating some tax deductions and various new charges.

But Social Democrat leader Svend Auken, whose party is the biggest in parliament, said the proposals "lacked any sense of social justice" and would enrich one-fifth of the population at the expense of the rest.

His remarks raised the prospect of a stormy autumn in Danish politics, as the minority centre-right government can only pass legislation with the help of opposition legislators.

Schlüter's proposals were the first major attempt to cut Denmark's high taxes and trim the generous welfare state on which Danes pride themselves, and had not been expected to emerge without some concessions in wrangling later this year.

Schlüter said the reforms would improve Denmark's industrial competitiveness and enable it to meet the challenges of the EEC single market planned for 1992.

But Auken said they contained no concrete measures which could help Denmark's economic problems — high unemployment, a huge foreign debt, and inadequate competitiveness with foreign producers.

Danes pay the highest personal income taxes in the European Economic Community, and these, along with the 50 per cent corporate tax rate, were major targets of the government's planned cuts.

Company taxes would drop to 35 per cent, and income taxes to between 45 and 52 per cent from the present 52 to 68 per cent, Schlüter said.

BEIJING, May 27. (AP): Some families have been evacuated and children kept out of school, but foreign businesses are digging in for the duration of China's current political crisis.

Massive popular resistance to the declaration of martial law in Beijing has disrupted work in many offices and sparked fears that the pro-democracy student demonstrations, so far peaceful, could turn violent.

The prices on the jittery Hong Kong stock market have plunged because of concern the civil unrest will spread, and there has been a sharp drop in visits by foreign tourists and businessmen.

But foreign companies in Beijing are sticking it out on the premise that it will be business as usual once the political dust settles. "People don't think it makes sense to pull out," said one American businesswoman.

One Western diplomat noted that the power struggle apparently being won by political hardliners determined to crush the democratic movement "has had no impact on economic reform policy. The rhetoric remains the same."

Backing that up is the fact that senior leader Deng Xiaoping seems solidly in control. Deng is a political conservative believed to have ordered a crackdown

on the students, but he is also committed to furthering his 10-year policy of introducing market principles to the economy and opening to the outside world.

Janet Shanberg of Kamsky Associates, a New York-based consulting firm, said an economic retrenchment policy adopted last year is of more concern to foreign businessmen than the demonstrations.

Her firm is advising foreign clients that the movement is pro-Western and pro-democratic, and that optimistically it could move China a step closer to longer-term stability.

But foreigners have taken some precautions to protect families from possible violence. Many companies, such as IBM China Corporation and Bechtel China, have given foreign employees the option to evacuate their families or take early home leaves.

Larry Amsden of Hewlett-Packard said about half the families of its 35 expatriates in Beijing and Shanghai have left China.

The Beijing International School for English-speaking foreign children and other foreign schools were closed up to a week as hundreds of thousands

took to the streets to block troops from entering the city. They have since

them.

"The first to get scared were the Americans and Japanese," he said of the businessmen. "They left some time ago."

The China International Travel Service said that in the first four days after martial law was declared it received notice of 100 cancelled tours involving 1,310 people.

Some foreigners said they were having difficulty convincing their headquarters that there has been no anti-foreign elements in the demonstrations and they are in no imminent danger.

## \$4.08 billion IMF loan for Mexico

### Debt reduction plan

WASHINGTON, May 27. (Reuter): The International Monetary Fund said yesterday it had approved a roughly \$4.08 billion loan package to Mexico, the third World's second-largest debtor.

Of the total, \$3.5 billion will be available over the next three years as an extended credit, while some \$570 million can be drawn immediately to compensate for a shortfall of exports and an excess of cereal imports in 1988.

Following guidelines laid down on Tuesday by the IMF's board to implement Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady's plan to slash Third World debt, Mexico may use 30 per cent of the extended credit to reduce its commercial bank debt.

The IMF loan is the third based on the Brady plan, unveiled in March, which emphasises debt reduction rather than fresh lending to spur economic growth in developing countries.

On Wednesday, the fund announced loans of \$1.17 billion to the Philippines and \$52 million to Costa Rica.

Mexico could reduce debt either by buying back loans directly from banks at a discount or exchanging them for new, less expensive bonds backed by US government securities.

Mexico would purchase the securities with the loans it receives from the IMF and World Bank. In addition, interest payments on the new

bonds, would be effectively guaranteed for a limited time by the lending agencies.

Mexico, which agreed to the extended fund facility loan in early April, may also borrow up to 40 per cent of its quota in the fund to support interest payments, the IMF said.

Mexico's quota, or capital subscription, is \$1.46 billion, making the package worth \$584 million.

The fund approved the Mexican package as chief debt negotiator Angel Gurria resumed talks with bank creditors in New York. The loan should pave the way for a rescheduling of Mexico's official debts with Western creditors next Monday.



US Trade Representative Carla Hills cites a variety of countries such as Brazil, India and Japan for unfair trade practice. (Reuter wirephoto)

### US strike

## Trade move hits the mark

WASHINGTON, May 27. (Reuter): The US strike at Japan, Brazil and India for unfair trade hit the mark, analysts said, but a key test will come later when Washington decides whether to slap trade sanctions on the countries that singled out.

One trade analyst said the three nations would probably offer minimal reform concessions in response to Washington's complaints. This would enable US Trade Representative Carla Hills to hold off on sanctions and tell Congress "we didn't get what we wanted, but we got something."

And, said Stephen D. Cohen, an American university economist, any sanctions that are imposed "may well be token."

While not disputing that the US action could increase friction between Washington and Tokyo, fears that Washington's public condemnation of Japan would spark a damaging war were generally discounted by trade specialists.

"I simply don't believe you have to treat Japan with kid gloves or you start a trade war," said Cohen.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher, when asked if the decision would hurt relations with Japan, said, "it will have an effect on our relations. It's going to be an effort that we're going to have to both co-operate in."

Cohen and other trade specialists said the US decision to hold talks with Japan on broader economic issues such as restrictive distribution practices was almost as vital a step in trying to end the massive US trade deficit with Japan as was the official labelling of Japan as an unfair trader.

Said Howard Lewis, a trade specialist at the National Association of Manufacturers: "We see these talks as important as naming Japan (an unfair trader)."

On Thursday Hills cited Japan for its closed markets to supercomputers, satellites and wood products, India for excluding foreign investments and insurance and Brazil for onerous import licensing practices.

Acting under the new 1988 trade law, Hills is to open talks with the three to prod open their markets and if they do not respond in 18 months she can impose sanctions, which could be tariffs of up to 100 per cent on their exports.

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tainty over the long transition period, spurred interest rates over 300 per cent a month and caused the Argentine currency, the austral, to lose half its value against the US dollar in last week's trading.

His efforts were fruitless because most of the men he consulted demanded a freer economy than the Radicals were willing to back, party sources said.

Alfonso finally settled for a fellow Social Democrat with a following among the Radical Party youth and a reputation as a hard-nosed negotiator acknowledged by political opponents.

Government sources, who asked not to be identified, said the measures Rodriguez would most probably carry out involved exchange rate controls to shore up the austral, tax increases and cuts in tax breaks and export incentives for industries.

A similar set of measures were rejected on Tuesday by Menem, who said Peronism would not endorse a programme which was "patently against the people."

## Alfonso to launch economy of war

BUENOS AIRES, May 27. (Reuter): The appointment of a 33-year-old legislator as Argentina's economy minister has been condemned by financial experts who say he will be unable to pull the country out of its chronic economic crisis.

The unexpected naming of Jesus Rodriguez, head of the lower house Budget and Treasury Committee since 1985, also exposed the political isolation of President Raul Alfonsin, who after a two-day search had to settle for one of the "young Turks" who helped him win the presidency in 1983.

"One cannot get out of hyper-inflation without credibility. You overcome it with political and economic power and Rodriguez lacks it," Enrique Szewach, chief economist of the Latin American Economic Investigations Foundation, told Reuters.

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## Economic reform seen accelerating in Taiwan

TAIPEI, May 27. (Reuter): With the resignation of Prime Minister Yu Kuo-Hwa and his ally at the Central Bank, Taiwan has lost the two main pillars of the conservative economic establishment that has held power since 1949.

Bankers and economists predict a gradual acceleration of reforms designed to loosen the grip of the nationalist government over the Island's purse-strings.

"This will mark a start of cautious changes in our economic and monetary policies," said Hou Chia-Chi, professor of economics at Soochow University.

Lee Huan, the popular secretary-general of the Nationalist Party, was nominated on

Wednesday to succeed Yu as premier. At the same time, Samuel Hsieh was nominated to replace Chang Chi-Cheng as Central Bank governor.

The two men take office as Taiwan's economy is being swamped by idle cash that has fuelled a speculative frenzy in the stock and property markets and threatens inflation.

Economists have long argued that the government must rapidly open financial markets and loosen banking controls to allow new channels of investment and release mounting inflationary pressures.

Both Yu and Chang came to Taiwan from China with the defeated nationalist govern-

ment in 1949 and share the reluctance of ruling Chinese mainlanders to hand financial control to the native Taiwanese majority.

"There's a phobia about opening capital markets," said Danny Chang, director of Fidelity International in Taiwan. "They (the nationalists) think: 'We lost China because we lost control of the financial system...'"

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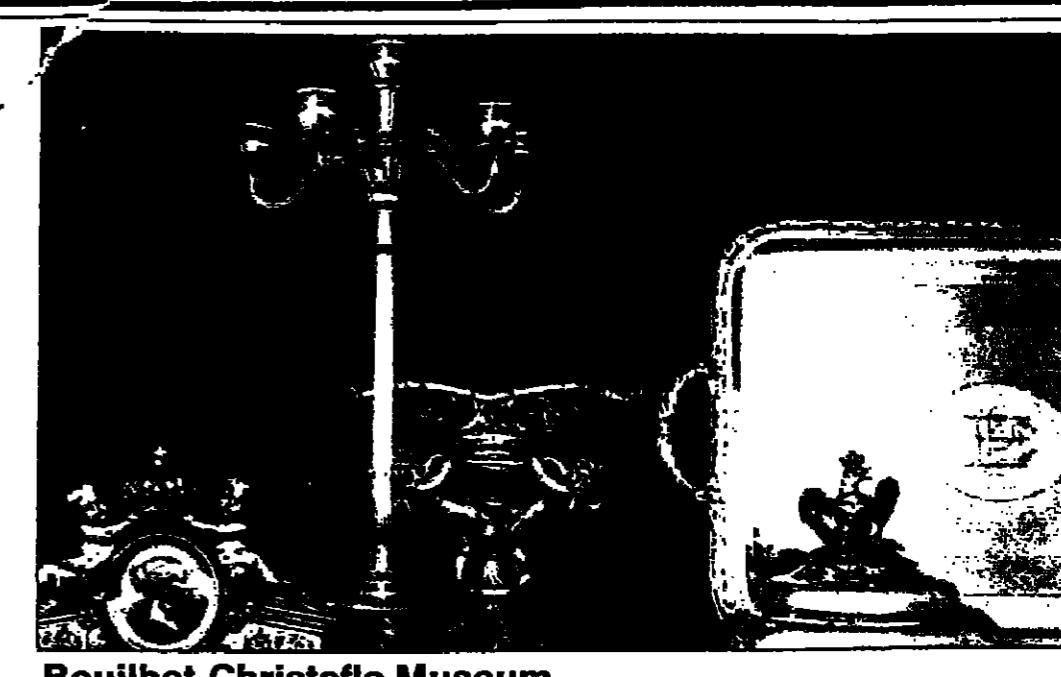
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## EVENTS



### Bulgarian exhibition

An exhibition of photography by Bulgarian artists went on show at Boushan Gallery. The exhibition was opened under the patronage of Ahmed Yousef Behbehani, chairman of the Kuwait Journalists Association. Bulgarian Ambassador Angel Manichev hosted the diplomats and Kuwaiti officials who attended the opening. The exhibition continues daily from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4-8.30 pm, until May 30. Pictures show: (Above): Manichev (right) with Behbehani; (left) one of the pictures on show.

## Piano concert at Kuwait Sheraton

TURKISH pianist Arian Karamursel gives her first piano concert at the Kuwait Sheraton in co-operation with the Turkish embassy on June 7, at the Ballroom A.

She was born in Istanbul and has given recitals and concerts with orchestras in Turkey, France, England, Soviet Union, Cuba, Mexico, Japan, Luxembourg and Finland. Her 15 concerts in Mexico within the framework of International Servantino Festival and her recital in Cuba were highly praised and thus she gained wide recognition. For reservations, please contact 2422055 ext. 104/107/109.



## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus

Beetle Juice

Al Salimiya

Booked for Arabic play

Al Hasna Wa Wahoush

Al Hamra

Arabic Film

Drive-in

Arabic Film

Al Firdous

Zulum Ko Jala Doonga

Starring: Naseruddin Shah, Vasant Sena, Suparna Anand

Fahsheel Open Air

Mela

Fahsheel

Karate Girls

Jahra

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Salsabikht

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Al Jleeb

Kudumba Puranam

Ahmad Drive-In

Nadine

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A scene from Best Seller 'Lonely Dove' on KTV 2 at 10.30 pm today.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

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Loola Pharmacy  
Ahmad Al Jaber St., Near Dasman Complex  
Hawalli and Nogra  
Nogra, Beirut St., opposite Al Andalus Cinema  
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Al Shafa' Pharmacy  
Salem Al Mubarak St., Hmood Al Enizi Complex  
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Al Ahmad Pharmacy  
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La Patisserie: Serves continental breakfast and afternoon tea. Kiwi Cake is the cake of the week. Pianist in the evenings. Ext 8014.

Hungarian festival: From May 28-June 1. Kitchen brigade from Budapest. Live entertainment by Gypsy Band and dancers. Tickets on sale at: 2530000/8039/8040.

Piano and Flute Concert: June 3: Pianist Michael Beisnirz and flutist Ulrike Beisnirz are having a concert at the Terrace Room of the Kuwait International Hotel at 8.00 pm. KD3.000 per person. Reservations at: 2530000 ext 8039/8040.

## SPORTS

### Swimming classes

May 27-June 12: A total of eight lessons—every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday at the Kuwait International Hotel. Four categories available: Junior beginner, junior intermediate, junior advanced and adult beginners. Details at: 2530000/8050.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

#### MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran

9.15 Cartoons

9.45 Magazine D'Actualite

10.00 Yaseen Wa Bahiya: Arabic Serial (Part 14)

11.00 Al Ein: Arabic Serial (Part 11). Starring: Ibrahim Khalaf, Abdulla Malek, Saad Al Jasaf, and Budriya Ibrahim

12.00 News Summary

12.05 The World News via Satellite

12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

#### EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran

4.15 The World News via Satellite

4.45 Sherlock Holmes: Cartoon Serial

5.15 Tum Tac Wa El Badi: Local Children Programme

5.30 Laila Min Alf Laila Wa Laila: Cultural Programme

6.00 Qanadeel Shabiya: Historical Serial

7.30 Varieties

7.45 Diwaniyah Shura' Al Nabat

8.30 Local News

9.00 News in Arabic

### 8.00 News in English

8.40 Murder, She Wrote! "Mr. Henry's Vacation." Two men are murdered in a motel and Jessica is asked to help solve the crime. Starring: Angela Lansbury.

9.30 Nature Watch: "Shrike." A look at the shrike, an Asian bird, and its natural habitat and migratory habits.

10.00 You Can't Take It With You: "Educating Essie." Jealousy is the cause of many a trouble and Morgan tries to help his granddaughter overcome it.

10.30 Best-Seller: "Lonesome Dove." Part 4. In an episode entitled "Return," you'll see how a group of Indians attack Guss and Beth.

12.00 News Summary/ Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

### KTV 2

#### 6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Dennis the Menace: Cartoon Serial

6.30 Scientific Eye: "What is Life." A look at evolution of life on earth.

7.00 In the Wild: "A Key to Survival." A look at how man and beast survive in the harsh climate of the Australian outback.

7.30 Sea Hunt: "Toxic Waste." The sea has been turned into a dumping ground; raising fears of pollution. Dr Mike investigates. Part 2.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

### BBC World Services

#### 0000 Newsdesk

30 Composer of the Month (ex 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream)

0100 News Summary (ex 23rd) followed by Play of the Week: 2nd and 9th Body and Soul; 16th A Pair of Spectacles; 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream

0200 Newsdesk

09 News about Britain

15 From Our Own Correspondent

30 Sport roundup

40 World News

45 Letter from America

1700 World News

09 Book Choice

15 In Praise of God (ex 2nd and 9th Body and Soul)

45 Sports roundup

1800 Newsdesk

30 2nd and 9th in Praise of God; 16th and 30th Composer of the Month; 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream

1900 News Summary (ex 23rd) followed by Play of the Week (ex 2nd and 9th Body and Soul); 16th A Pair of Spectacles; 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream

15 Time Will Tell

2000 World News

09 World News

2100 News Summary followed by Sports roundup

15 The Pleasure's Yours

2200 Newsdesk

09 News about Britain

15 From Our Own Correspondent

30 Composer of the Month (ex 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream)

0100 News Summary (ex 23rd) followed by Play of the Week: 2nd and 9th Body and Soul; 16th A Pair of Spectacles; 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream

0200 Newsdesk

09 Today-Four Hours: News Summary

30 Sports roundup

45 World Brief

1400 News Summary followed by Science in Action

30 In Praise of God

1100 World News

09 News about Britain

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30 Anything Goes

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Zuhr 11.45

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Maghreb 6.41

Isha 8.10

In search of a perfect meal

KUWAIT International Hotel's Oriental chef Mohammad Dorr (above) believes in perfection. "In the Middle East, a meal is like a feast; so when I prepare a meal, I make a big fuss; everything has to perfect," said Dorr.

Born in Lebanon, Dorr has 22 years of experience at five-star hotels in Asia and the Middle East. He plans to be in the Middle East for years to come, creating creative dishes and delightful meals. His previous assignment was at the Abu Dhabi Meridien. He has also worked for the Sheraton chain in Syria, Jordan, Pakistan and Oman.

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## SNIPPETS

QUEZON CITY: A British national of Indian descent was arrested by Makati police at the Manila Garden Hotel because of a P100,000 estate case filed against him and his wife.

Sanjay Jaymat Kothari, 39, of 46-A Calamba St., La Loma, Quezon City, was arrested based on a warrant of arrest issued on Oct. 24, 1987 by Judge Omar Amin of the Makati regional trial court.

Kothari's wife Carmella Reyes of Amsterdam Townhouse, Amsterdam St., Merville Subdivision, Paranaque, was named respondent in an estate case filed by businessman Benjamin Aprieto.

Kothari allegedly convinced Aprieto that he could help Aprieto in his need for international financing.

Kothari reportedly told Aprieto that he could work out the early approval of a loan Aprieto applied for in exchange for P100,000.

Kothari posted a P10,000 cash bond for his temporary freedom hours after he was arrested by Capt. Narciso Sayson of the Makati Police. Sani Daleno

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PASAY CITY: An unidentified man shot dead by an auto mechanic in Pasay City.

Jose Galay, 35, of 2215 F.B. Harrison St., Pasay City, died from a gunshot wound in the back and in the right knee.

Neighbors told *People's Journal* that at the height of typhoon Bining, the gunman knocked at Galay's house at about 9:15 pm.

Witnesses said they saw Galay went out of his house and he and the man walked toward Williams St.

Minutes later, Galay came rushing back to his house but fell to the ground before reaching it. He had been shot. SD

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MAKATI: A FIRE broke out in a Makati neighbourhood and destroyed some P11 million worth of properties hours after typhoon Bining died down.

Makati arson investigation said the fire started at the corner of Santillan and Pasong Tamo Streets; in Barangay Pio del Pilar.

Strong winds caused the fire to spread quickly to nearby houses. The fire was placed under control at 5:39 am.

Authorities said at least 12 houses and three commercial establishments were destroyed completely. An explosion was heard before the fire broke out, arson investigators said.

No one was reported injured.

Sani Daleno

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HAGONOY: A woman owner of a store in the Hagonoy, Bulacan public market was robbed of P300,000 cash and jewellery by four men.

Police identified the victim as Zenaida Reyes of Hagonoy. She told police that the suspects entered her store while she was attending to customers outside the store.

When she re-entered the store, her bag containing P100,000 and assorted jewellery worth P200,000 were missing from her table.

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MINDANAO: Constabulary authorities announced that they had announced for two of the 10 most wanted persons in Southwestern Mindanao.

A report to PC chief Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano said one was killed and the other was captured in separate encounters with soldiers.

Region 9 PC Commander Col. Roger Deinla informed Montano that Christian "Sonny" Poculan was wanted for double murder and robbery in band, was arrested by soldiers of the Zamboanga del Norte PC Command last May 17 in Rizal town.

Poculan is a primary suspect in the killing of ex-Mayor Rodelio Yap of Balingao, Misamis Occidental, and has a P60,000 reward for his capture.

He is the son of a former mayor of the town who is also being hunted for rape and murder case.

Deinla also told Montano that a Mujahid Irejani, a notorious pirate operating off the coast of Zamboanga del Norte and Sur, was killed in a firefight with troops of the regional command. Alex Allan

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MANILA: A carnal suspect who claimed he was tortured by Manila policemen to admit his participation in the carnal of a passenger jeepney last April 25 in Sampaloc, Manila was positively identified in a police lineup yesterday by the driver of the missing vehicle.

Cesareo Veroya, 27, of Barangay Sampaga, Balayan, Batangas, was identified by driver Angelito Abregante, 30, of Malinta, Valenzuela as one of four men who took his jeepney with plate no. PGV-723 on the night of April 25, said WPD investigation division chief Lt. Col. Aladdin Dimagmaliw.

A witness and friend of Veroya's, Lito Cumanan, 35, of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan, also pointed to him as one of the men who fetched him aboard Abregante's jeepney in Novaliches.

Cumanan identified Veroya's companions as Efren Abaday, Bobby Climaco and a certain Eddie.

Abregante told Dimagmaliw that the four men boarded his jeepney on Leonor River St. On Dimasalang St., Veroya drew a gun and announced the carnal.

Abregante said he was brought to the South Expressway. R. Kaluluhan

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KALOOKAN: A one-hour fire razed residential houses in Kalookan City at dawn yesterday despite the heavy rains brought by typhoon Bining.

Arson investigators said the fire started at the second floor of the house owned by a certain Edwin Escueta on Gen. Valdez St., Maypao.

Some P1.7 million worth of properties were damaged by the fire, they added.

Meanwhile, Kalookan City police chief Col. Angel Quizon yesterday refused his men "to effectively serve the city residents."

He designated Maj. Eddie Santos as the new investigation division chief, replacing Maj. Florencio Sanchez who was assigned to the office of the station commander.

Santos' deputy is Lt. Jake de Leon who was plucked from the Biglang awa sub-station.

Anti-Narcotics division chief Capt. Benjamin Dimanao was transferred to the Bagong Barrio police sub-station and Lt. Boy Angeles was appointed office-in-charge of the Narcotics division. Oscar de los Reyes

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DAPITAN CITY: Police men in two patrol jeeps were blamed causing the death of a man who had a heart attack because the policemen did not give way to the motorcycle rushing the man to the hospital here last week Friday.

Luciano Tuballa, 22, of Colon Extension, Dumaguete City, died on arrival at Rizal Memorial Hospital.

Tuballa had just disembarked from the boat he took from Dumaguete when he fainted.

Bystanders and a tricycle driver rushed him to the hospital but the two patrol jeeps coming from the opposite direction of the one-lane on the 800-metre Polo Bridge delayed them.

The tricycle driver who asked not to be identified said he pleaded with the policemen to allow them to cross the bridge first.

The policemen, however ordered the tricycle driver to back off, said witness.

While the two police jeeps were trying to pass, Tuballa was still breathing, the tricycle driver claimed.

Dipolog INP station commander Lt. Col. Roberto Encabo said the policemen are from Sibutad and Don Sergio Osmena towns in Zamboanga del Norte.

The policemen were on their way home from a three-day seminar in Dipolog, Encabo said. Prax Castilang

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A MAN arrested last week in San Jose del Monte Bulacan for carrying an unlicensed gun turned out to be a member of a seven-man holdup gang headed by former Manila policeman.

Mario Bagual, 36, native of Calabagan, Samar, was arrested by PC soldiers in his hideout in Barangay Sta. Cruz, San Jose del Monte, Bulacan when they saw him carrying a .38 revolver.

During investigation, Bagual told investigators that he was a member of a gang of holdup men led by a former Manila policeman he identified as Pat Tony Ventura.

The other members of the gang, Bagual said, are Boy Torres of Bantawak, Quezon City; Alex Bangot of Alabang, Muntinlupa; Julio Ng of Sapang Palay; Bondy Pabilane, of Barangay Sta. Cruz, and Alex Present of Sapang Palay, all in San Jose del Monte, Bulacan.

Bagual told 145th PC company commanding officer Capt. Victor Mansansal that all of them are armed with .38 revolvers.

He said their gang robbed a grocery store in Sta. Cruz, Manila of some \$16,000 in February and more recently a store in Alabang, Muntinlupa and a house in Barangay San Pedro, San Jose del Monte of P18,000. Rod Reyes

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## Congress investigates land scandal

## Heads must roll

OPPOSITION congressmen yesterday demanded the suspension of Agrarian Reform Secretary Philip Juico while Congress continues its investigation into the multimillion-peso overpricing of 1,899 hectares of land in Garchitorena, Camarines Sur.

Describing the aborted transaction as "the latest and gravest scandal in the administration," House Minority Floor Leader Rodolfo Albano (KBL, Isabela) said records of the deal should be "sealed" by either the National Bureau of Investigation or the Commission of Audit.

Also at the House Rep. Edcel Lagman (LDP, Albay), chairman of the committee on agrarian reform, said "heads must roll" as Congress goes deeper in its investigation of the Garchitorena case.

But Lagman, who described the controversial deal as "a big swindle," said he was convinced Juico was "not directly involved." Juico might not have been aware of the transaction since documents have been suppressed by his men," Lagman said.

However, he added, Juico would be asked to explain his department's system of appraisal and valuation of land covered by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Programme (CARP) when the Senate-House joint committee on agrarian reform



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Sharp, which has a paid up capital of P15,000 offered the land for coverage under CARP, and the DAR Bicol office headed by Jose Llames appraised it at P62.2 million. This appraisal was raised to P67 million by a DAR bureau, but a review committee restored the amount to P62.2 million.

In December last year, Juico approved the transaction and signed an order of payment for P62.2 million, but the Land Bank refused to pay, since bank officials knew the property was overpriced.

A priest reportedly told President Aquino about the deal at the urging of a top Land Bank official, and she ordered its cancellation. Juico then rescinded his order of payment.

A day after the story was published in the *INQUIRER*, Juico said he had asked the NBI to investigate the case. But this was denied the following day by NBI Director J. Antonio Carpio.

Albano said Juico should either go on leave or be suspended while the case is being investigated to ensure its speedy and fair resolution.

He said that while the sale of the Garchitorena estate was aborted, Juico should at least be technically aware of the overvalued land since all the documents were submitted (to him)."

## Drop in debt papers

## Demand for junk bonds

By Oscar Quiambao

THE discount on Philippine debt papers in the secondary market has dropped abruptly resulting in an increase in their face value from 38 cents to 48 cents to the dollar, Social Security System Administrator Jose L. Cusia has disclosed.

At the same time, Cusia who is a member of the debt negotiating panel and the debt council, confirmed an *Inquirer* story (May 1, 1989) that the advisory committee has questioned the financing package presented by the panel to the group in their New York meeting last month.

Cusia explained that the drop in the discount from 62 per cent to 52 per cent may be due to a position among banks in anticipation of the implementation of the debt reduction facility (DRF).

Another cause is believed to be the fact that banks have stopped dumping the papers after the advisory committee representing the creditor banks fully accounted for the share of the lenders in new money to the Philippines.

The base date for any amount a bank will provide will be pegged on a designated percentage reflecting its outstanding exposure as of Dec 30, 1988.

The discounts rose to as high as 64 per cent a few weeks ago as banks which no longer wanted to lend or wanted to reduce their exposure dumped the notes.

With the creation of the DRF, demand for the "junk bond" is expected to shoot up, a condition that will make it expensive for the government to retire part of its \$28 billion foreign obligations.

Cusia said that Manila really needs new money, which according to government calculations, amounts to \$1.7 billion in the next two years. He said the amount should be in cold cash or in other forms that would reduce the shortfall.

However, the package somehow precluded such need as the proposal rolled into the amount a new money and the DRF.

Cusia said the banks questioned the proposal because it indicated that the country does not really need the money as constantly advertised.

The DRF is supposed to be a trust fund that will buy debt papers in the market with funds coming from the banks.

The government is still to set guidelines to the effect that banks which will participate in the facility will have to infuse twice or thrice the amount they are supposed to provide to new financing.

The debt papers to be bought by the trustee, which will possibly be the World Bank, will not be considered retired or extinguished until after the government has paid the amount the banks collectively provided to finance the debt paper acquisition. Payments are expected in four to seven years.

There is no way the debt servicing burden will ease during the period as the government will continue to service the supposed to be retired debt with the amount accruing to the trust to pay the DRF capital.

The report also recommended the filing of criminal charges against Fausto Preysler, TDI senior vice-president and comptroller, and Peter Simon, a sales supervisor.

The report recommended the filing of criminal charges against the eight suspects for alleged violations of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

The report also urged Ordonez to file administrative charges against the six BIR officials for alleged violations of a number of provisions of the Civil Service Code, ranging from dishonesty to negligence of public duty.

The report said other BIR officials and employees are also under investigation for their alleged involvement in the fraud.

The report disclosed that the eight suspects conspired to allow TDI to get tax credits worth P180,701,682 from January 1986 to August 1987, by falsifying BIR documents. The tax credit was granted in a memorandum issued Oct. 13, 1987 and signed by both Larin and Pareno, the report said.

The report said TDI was entitled to only P67,632,524 in tax credits.

The report added that the tax credit was never referred to the BIR legal division for review in violation of standard procedures.

The report, prepared by lawyer Rey Nathaniel Ifurung, was the result of a three-month investigation by NBI agents under Salvador Ranin, NBI director for Metro Manila. The report was course through the department's tax and duty prosecution group, a newly formed task force investigating tax evasion cases.

Eufrazio D. Santos, BIR, deputy commissioner, requested the NBI to conduct an investigation last Oct. 12.

## Peso rate stable

THE reference of the peso to the US dollar remained unchanged at P21.58. There was no transaction yesterday at the foreign exchange centre of the Bankers Association of the Philippines (BAP) which capsized after

being hit by violent waves spawned by "Bening" one mile from Templo Island in Masbate, the Coast Guard said.

The Coast Guard dispatched more vessels and a helicopter to augment the rescue teams already scouring the area.

The wreckage of *The Albert* was found by rescue teams yesterday along the coastline of Presentacion town.

In Quezon City, a labourer was injured while four houses made of light construction material were damaged last week at the height of typhoon "Bening."

The mishap took place when concrete slabs and reinforcement bars fell from the chimney of an old incinerator and thermal plant in Project 8, Quezon City. Councilor Johnny Sibayan said the victim suffered a broken leg while the houses were almost buried under tons of concrete blocks which fell from the incinerator's 60-metre-high chimney.

The DSWD also reported that 4,218 families or 25,324 persons were displaced. 422 houses were totally damaged and 1,068 were partially damaged by typhoon "Bening." With report from Danny Calleja

Meanwhile, search and rescue operations have been launched for the missing passengers and crew of *mb Mary Jones* which capsized after



## King of the road

Who said jeepneys are kings of the road? This man proves they aren't as he does his thing in a manhole mindless of vehicles going past him on Moriones Street in Tondo.

## Top cops linked to illegal transactions

CONSTABULARY and Integrated National Police authorities have ordered "quiet" investigation into the alleged involvement of ranking Manila policemen in various illegal transactions and anomalies, the *Inquirer* learned yesterday.

## AFP sorry

Marines vs communist rebels

By E.F. Romero

THE military yesterday apologized to the relatives of the nine civilians purportedly killed in the crossfire on April 28 when Marine troopers fought communist rebels in Paombong, Bulacan.

"Sikapin po namin na hindi na mangayari mali ang unfortunate mistake encounter nito," Brig. Gen. Manuel Orales, deputy commander of the National Capitol Region Command, said as he distributed P17,000 to relatives of every victim.

"It's a pity kung kaya ng buhay kundi tulong ng gobyerno," Brig. Gen. Cesar Abella, chief of the First Marine Brigade, assured the relatives.

The biggest amount of P51,000 was received by Teodora Bangcaya, 62, who lost her husband Valeriano Sr., World War II veteran, and their sons Valeriano Jr. and Marcelino.

Asked how she felt about the military's gesture the Bangcaya widow said "Masakit," and then burst into tears as she signed the documents acknowledging receipt of the amount.

The military initially claimed that Marine troopers had killed nine rebels in a clash at a fish pond in Paombong. But this was immediately belied by the testimony of Paombong residents who identified the victims as either caretakers or workers at the fishpond.

Subsequently, Brig. Gen. Rodofo Biazon acknowledged that the fatalities were civilians, but he said they were killed in the crossfire.

After it was known that at least three of the victims were dead when the encounter took place, Biazon said they could have been executed earlier by the rebels. The rest died while being used as "human shields" during the encounter, he added.

But a spokesman of the New People's Army in Bulacan has said soldiers massacred the nine civilians in retaliation for the death earlier of a Marine trooper.

The spokesman, identified as Ka Dema, said 10 rebels had slept in the workers' quarters and were only a short distance from the fishpond when they encountered the Marine patrol.

A Marine trooper was killed during the firefight which ended when the rebels escaped, Ka Dema said. Then the troopers proceeded to the fishpond where they shot the civilians dead.

Yesterday, Justice Undersecretary Artemio Tuquero asked the National Bureau of Investigation to look for a certain "Nano" who is believed to have witnessed the incident.

Tuquero, who heads the committee investigating the Paombong killings separately from the military, said "Nano" might be able to shed light on the incident since he reportedly lives about 30 metres away from the site of the killings.

Roger Cuartero, senior investigator of the Commission on Human Rights, who also testified before the Tuquero committee at a public hearing yesterday, said that when he visited the house on May 9, he saw blood splattered on the wall about six feet high.



Teodora Bangcaya weeps after signing papers indemnifying her for the death of her husband and two sons in Paombong.

FLASSIK's May hospital visits

## Angels of mercy

DESPITE the rigours of their preparation for the games during the Filipino summer sports festival, the officers and members of the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait (FLASSIK) took time out of their practice schedules to visit Filipino patients confined in various hospitals in Kuwait.

These patients are in different stages of their illnesses ranging from post-operative, the seriously ill in intensive care & coronary care units and those who are now convalescing and on their way to recovery.

Here are FLASSIK and friends away from their practice for the women's division games which have proved to be real crowd drawers during last Friday's events, at the mini-Olympics.



FLASSIK officers on their recent hospital rounds.



FLASSIK officers on their recent hospital rounds.

Quality education  
Are subsidies the answer?

HOW much does a quality education cost? The answer is "a lot." If the quality we're banking for is that which meets prevailing international standards, the answer is quite clearly "astronomical."

And who are entitled to quality education? In theory, the answer is easy. Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution requires the State to "protect and promote the right of all citizens to education at all levels" and "to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

In practice, it's not quite that simple. It doesn't take extensive research to discover that the most private institutions of higher education in this country are going through very difficult times. With some exceptions, most such schools are in the red. While some private schools may be making marginal profits, they are the exception. Moreover, the level of profits is not likely to be something they can crow about.

A good education requires good teachers. But while the academic life often entails a commitment to a frugal and simple life, it should require neither a vow of poverty nor a willingness to be locked up in the bowels of some dusty library. If anything, teaching requires sustained and personal interaction with students and the community, both national and international. Today's world needs not your caricature of the absent-min-

ded professors but, rather, involved and principled academics unafraid to deal with the pragmatic and often untidy demands of real life.

The Constitution treats of this idea. Article XIV, Section 5 (5) also requires the State to "ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfillment." The framers of the Constitution were, I suppose, not expected to specify how this should be done. In fact, colleges and universities all over the world are still engaged in a losing struggle to hang on to talented professors who are constantly tempted to defect to the more lucrative world of business.

Will subsidies be the answer? Again, the Constitution talks about subsidies for deserving students in both public and private schools, especially the underprivileged. There can really be no question that a programme of scholarships or student loans is necessary. However, the administrative structure must be set up to ensure proper monitoring of such a programme.

But subsidies to private educational institutions will be counterproductive in the long run. Subsidies will spawn more subsidies to private education institutions will be counterproductive in the long run. Subsidies will spawn more subsidies. As demands for better

facilities and more adequately paid teachers escalate — and they will inexorably escalate — the national coffers will find it difficult to satisfy all budgetary appetites. While the Constitution, yet again, says that the "State shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education" (Article XIV, Section 5 (5)), that is easier said than done at a time when the IMF/World Bank and sundry foreign creditors are beating down our doors trying to ensure that the country does not forget to keep paying its gargantuan foreign debt.

The best answer, I believe, is that the government attend urgently to the development of State schools. Pour money into the upgrading of facilities and the recruitment of topnotch professors in order to expand the reach of, say, the University of the Philippines to enable it to bring quality education out into the provinces. The Diliman campus does not have to be the Mecca of students. The latter should not have to feel obliged to come to Manila in order to have a chance at a successful professional or business career.

In the meantime, the general direction set in the Education Act of 1982 ought not to be abandoned and private colleges and universities should be allowed to set their own tuition fees. Further, let them not be weighed down with numerous strictures on what to do with the money. Our people are not dense.



## Leonor's golden year

NATIONAL artist Leonor Orosa Goquingco marks her golden year as filipino choreographer with *Celebration '89*, to be presented June 3 and 4 at the CCP Little Theatre.

It will be wide-range of programmes — from drama and pathos, compassion and elation, to romanticism and humour. Gems from the now Philippine classic "Noli Dame Sui" — *Maria Clara and the Lepre*, "Asalto for Maria Clara, and Polka Filipina" — will be juxtaposed with excerpts from well-loved European and American ballets, *Festival of the Bells* from "Coppelia," "Titania's Garden from A Midsummer Night's Dream," Viennese Encounter: light-hearted fun and mischief will dominate "Polka Filipina" and "Mistake Waltz."

For the younger generation, too, and in particular for those who have not made the acquaintances of the waltz, *Celebration '89* will present three versions of the waltz from the sparkling Viennese Waltz, a comic American Waltz, and a nostalgic Hispano-Philippine one.

The guidelines set the following conditions on tuition increases:

## Sea turtle tows five to safety

By D. Calleja

TABACO, Albay: A giant turtle last week brought to safety five weak and weary passengers of motorboat *Albert* which capsized at the height of typhoon Bering.

The five had stayed afloat for three days and two nights and had begun to lose hope of surviving their sea ordeal when they spotted the *pavikan*.

A survivor, Emilia Briones, 25, said they tied their makeshift raft to the leg of the *pavikan*.

For two hours, Briones said, the *pavikan* dutifully towed them until villagers of Presentacion town in Camarines Sur spotted them from the seashore.

Briones said her husband, Arsenio, untied the rope from the leg of the turtle which immediately swam away.

Aside from the Brioneses, the other survivors were identified as Rosemarie Escanil, Panfilo Dequine and all of Barangay Cobo, Pandan, Catanduanes.

Briones said the turtle had a carapace of over one metre in diameter.

She said there were originally 10 persons who had clung to their flimsy raft but five were swept away and were feared to have drowned.

Fishermen from Presentacion helped them get ashore where a military helicopter

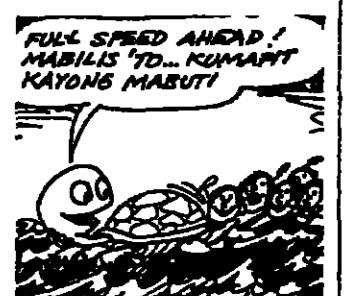
airlifted them to the Ziga Memorial Hospital here for medical treatment.

The survivors were pale and weak. Their bodies were bloated after staying long in sea water. Doctors, however, pronounced them out of danger.

*Gutom na gutom na kami at lahat nanggingin sa obrang ginaw. Sa pagkakatandang kaya ang sumapok na napahilaway sa karamihan ng aming kusamahang pasahero habang ka takasan ng bagyo at naglalakad ang hirudin tungkol at namatay.*

The Coast Guard said 16 other survivors from the *Albert* were found by rescue teams along the coasts of Presentacion and Caramoan towns of Camarines Sur.

Search and rescue operations were still going on other missing passengers of the *Albert* which plied the Tabaco, Albay-pandan, Catanduanes route.



P175 tuition increase

## DECS set limits

THE education department will limit to P175 the tuition increase in high schools and to P8 the increase per academic unit in private colleges.

The ceiling on tuition increases will be covered by guidelines to be issued by the education department according to Education Undersecretary Victor Ordonez.

The guidelines, which he said are certain to be opposed by both students and schoolowners, shall be the basis of in increasing tuition.

"Schools will think it's too low, student will think it's too high. It's just like the minimum wage issue," Ordonez said.

He said all college freshmen will have "deregulated" tuition which means schools can set tuition at any amount provided five per cent of freshmen are granted full or partial scholarships.

The guidelines set the following conditions on tuition increases:

• High schools charging over P1,500 will be deregulated but increases should be based on consultations with students and parents.

• High schools charging between P800 to P1,500 will be allowed a maximum P150 increase.

• Those charging below P800 may increase tuition by as much as P175 per year.

Conditions imposed on colleges increasing tuition include deregulation of schools charging P80 for every unit and an P8 ceiling on increase per unit for colleges charging below P80 per unit.

Ordonez said he does not expect schools which are charging low to increase tuition by as much as P8 per unit because they might end up losing man of their students.

Schoolowners under the Co-ordinating Council for Private Educational Associations (COCOPEA) had pressed for a minimum increase of P15 per unit to cope with the projected raise in the wages of school personnel, including teachers.

Dr. Reinaldo Bautista, COCOPEA chairman, told the Inquirer the P8 ceiling will not allow schools to fully comply with the wage increases.

Student groups had demanded a freeze on tuition. They launched protest actions in the last few weeks to press their demands and have warned of more protest actions starting on June 13, school opening days, if increases are not suspended.

## Homicide charge on Randy

Reckless imprudence



Santiago

where he was rushed by Santiago.

Sgt. Frank Domingo, Quezon City traffic police

desk officer, said charges will be filed after the evidence against Santiago is collated.

Police said the visibility was low when the accident happened as it was raining hard. They added the singer could have missed seeing Horson as he was crossing because of the sunglasses he constantly wore.

Santiago, of 378 Columbia St., Greenhills East, Mandaluyong, is never caught appearing in public without his sunglasses or "shades" to conceal a defective eye.

Newsmen were given a hard time by the hospital management to interview Santiago, who was reportedly ordered by Channel 7 management and his own manager to refuse interviews.

Hospital personnel said Santiago was "in a state of shock."

THE Quezon City police is preparing charges of homicide through reckless imprudence against singer Randy Santiago and TV personality Randy Santiago, who allegedly hit and killed a pedestrian while driving a vehicle in Cubao last week.

Pat. Antonio Ramos, traffic investigator, said Santiago, 28, hit Dionisio Horson, a 29-year-old labourer of 25 Gen. Mascarao St., Bagong Naryo, Kalookan City, as the latter was crossing Aurora Blvd. from the corner of Boston Street.

Investigation showed that the right front side of Santiago's Isuzu Trooper knocked off Horson who hit his head on the pavement and suffered broken bones.

He died while being treated at the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Hospital

under much strain from a massive increase in passenger and cargo traffic all over the country.

For this reason, the airline launched a fleet modernization programme which already has added Fokker 50 and seven Shorts SD360 turboprops, all brand new, since May 1987 as replacement for the HS748 turboprop.

Espino explained that the new fare is necessary to cover the leases as well as the operating costs of the new B737s.

The fare proposal takes into account the domestic fuel tax which has been imposed on PAL since November 1985, Espino said.

He stressed that PAL has appealed

against the tax on the ground that its franchise specifies that it may pay only the franchise tax or corporate income tax, whichever is lower, in lieu of all other taxes, duties or fees.

In the meantime that the appeal is pending, PAL has been paying the fuel tax and treating it as deferred charges. Payments so far have totalled P1.5 billion pesos.

Without the fuel tax, PAL could ask for a lower fare to apply on the B737s, Espino said.

Espino also said that out of the 36 countries recently surveyed, the Philippines has the lowest domestic fares, with the exception of the People's Republic of China and Burma. (PNA)

## Higher price wanted

THE Senate will move for a six-month deferral of the scheduled bidding in July for the sale of the Philippine government property in the Roppongi district of Tokyo.

Four Senators said after yesterday's hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that they will sponsor a resolution calling for a deferral of at least six months, or until such time that prices or real estate in Tokyo have gone up, so as to enable the government to make a bigger profit out of the sale.

Officials invited by the Foreign Relations Committee said the government will have to proceed with the bidding as it continues to lose opportunities as a result of the depreciation of real estate properties in Tokyo.

Philippine Ambassador to Tokyo, Ramon Del Rosario said the property depreciates at a rate of 10 per cent annually, so that the \$200 million price is reduced by about \$1.5 million monthly.

President Aquino had announced another auction for the Roppongi property following a failure of bid last March 30. Del Rosario said only one out of the 35 parties who made earlier representations submitted a valid bid.

Garcia said the government will have to proceed with the bidding since the Tokyo municipal government

proposed increases in PAL's domestic passenger fares and cargo rates by up to 27 per cent.

The increases were approved on the basis of PAL's increased operation costs, the devaluation of the peso, a high load factor experienced by PAL and the introduction of additional capacity in the domestic schedule.

Although Matti admitted that there must be an increase in fares on the new fleet, "PAL should show why there should be an increase in fares over and above 27 percent."

PAL this year revealed plans of increasing rates by 40 per cent passenger fares on the 10 brand new Boeing 737-

300 which it will operate on a lease basis.

Leslie W. Espino, PAL executive vice-president said the



Following in Eva's footsteps: Argentina's new First Lady Zulema Menem, with a faint trait of her mother and Argentina's Eva Peron.

## Flamboyant first lady

NOT since Eva Peron has Argentina had the prospect of such a flamboyant first lady. Zulema Menem, wife of the newly-elected President Carlos Menem, loves to tango. Now the 50-year-old blonde might achieve her greatest ambition — a cameo role in TV's *Dynasty*.

She has said she wants to resume the 'unfinished work' of Eva Peron. But up to now, attention has centred on her glamorous lifestyle and tempestuous marriage.

### Radical

Her 58-year-old husband has the reputation of being a charmer and she has the reputation of loving to spend money.

She adores dancing, mixes with the country's polo set and is reported to have had plastic surgery on her face and breasts.

Zulema seems the epitome of sophistication, but she once used a gun to evict Menem from their home because of his affairs.

Their differences were forgotten last week as Menem, leader of the Peronist Party, celebrated his victory over Eduardo Angeloz, of the ruling Radical Party.

**The woman who made history as the first female American vice-presidential candidate has a new mission: to promote women to political leadership. She also intends to run for the Senate in 1992**

By Jane Thynne

IT SEEMED A touch incongruous, in the last days of Margaret Thatcher's 10-year celebrations, to find Geraldine Ferraro in Britain to publicise a mission to promote women to political leadership.

The woman who made history as the first female American vice-presidential candidate in 1984 is quick to admit any irony.

"It is a delight for me to come here and find young men of 16 and 17 who have never wondered whether a woman can do the job of high office. Thatcher's mere physical presence has led to a whole change of attitude," she says.

It is a change of attitude which as president of the International Institute for Women's Political Leadership — a new organisation which has the support of Thatcher, Benazir Bhutto and Cory Aquino among others — she hopes to further through the education and training of women aiming for elected office.

But she is also quick to point out an irony between the

UK's female prime minister and the fact that less than one-thirteenth of British MPs are women. She discovered a similar chasm between individual achievement and general attitude when as a successful and sophisticated New York lawyer, she went out on the campaign trail to middle America and was asked whether as a woman she was capable of understanding foreign policy.

Ferraro claims that to ask whether women can do what a man does is only broaching half the question. "Without women, the political world is missing a view. There are things that they can bring to governing that go beyond the fact that they have like feelings, like experiences."

Sharp talking and highly groomed, with an air of guarded glamour, Ferraro reveals a surprising level of emotion on the subject of the media. It is the result of her own experience five years ago when she believes she suffered a degree of press intrusion unprecedented in American political life.

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Newspaper investigations into her family background, particularly the reports published by the Murdoch-owned *New York Post*, dominated the campaign.

It was such a feature that after Reagan's re-election she could command \$20,000 a time lecturing on the ethics of the press. She is now writing a book on the legalities of invasion of privacy.

After her defeat, being out of politics but not out of the media spotlight increased the psychological pressure. In 1985 her husband, convicted

for "scheming to defraud" on a loan application which grossly overstated his wealth, was sentenced to 150 hours community service.

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Making the commercial is a slightly touchy area for Ferraro. She did it, she says, partially to pay the costs of a legal action she is taking, but she claims she has no intention of being paid to promote again.

She is returning to legal work, and until running for election to the Senate, she intends to devote a large amount of her time to the Institute for Women's Political Leadership, which last weekend received the support of The 300 Group, Britain's lobbying group for more female MPs.

If Thatcher, who has already sent a letter of support, accepts her invitation to be a board member of the institute, she will join two US senators, a Japanese MP, and the ex-Finance Minister of Liberia, Ellen Johnson-Sirley, who escaped assassination after being lined up to be shot along-side 13 former colleagues.

Ferraro says that her negative feelings about the press are balanced by a sense of positive achievement.

# Geraldine Ferraro ... down but not out

# Lady with a mission

**The woman who made history as the first female American vice-presidential candidate has a new mission: to promote women to political leadership. She also intends to run for the Senate in 1992**

By Jane Thynne

IT SEEMED A touch incongruous, in the last days of Margaret Thatcher's 10-year celebrations, to find Geraldine Ferraro in Britain to publicise a mission to promote women to political leadership.

The woman who made history as the first female American vice-presidential candidate in 1984 is quick to admit any irony.

"It is a delight for me to come here and find young men of 16 and 17 who have never wondered whether a woman can do the job of high office. Thatcher's mere physical presence has led to a whole change of attitude," she says.

It is a change of attitude which as president of the International Institute for Women's Political Leadership — a new organisation which has the support of Thatcher, Benazir Bhutto and Cory Aquino among others — she hopes to further through the education and training of women aiming for elected office.

But she is also quick to point out an irony between the

UK's female prime minister and the fact that less than one-thirteenth of British MPs are women. She discovered a similar chasm between individual achievement and general attitude when as a successful and sophisticated New York lawyer, she went out on the campaign trail to middle America and was asked whether as a woman she was capable of understanding foreign policy.

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**ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ**  
Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦A762 ♠932 ♦K ♠J10652  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Dbl ?  
What action do you take?  
A.—Since East's double is primarily a takeout for the major suits, there is no point to showing your weak spade suit. And why venture two clubs? Although you have the values for one no trump, your hand is unbalanced, so all you can do is pass to see how the auction develops.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♦AQ4 ♠AKJ762 ♠73 ♠Q9  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
What do you bid now?  
A.—We suppose that the theoretically correct bid is a jump to three diamonds. However, if you are going to play for nine tricks, why not at no trump? There is no guarantee that you can make three no trump, but it's certainly worth a shot—especially since you're likely to get a heart lead.

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♦AQ4 ♠AKJ762 ♠73 ♠Q9  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
What do you bid now?

A.—This is borderline. If you have a partner who might drop the bidding in two hearts, jump to three. However, if partner can be trusted to bid again, then two hearts is sufficient—your queen of clubs is of doubtful value.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦762 ♠AQ6 ♠Q5 ♠AJ1092  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
What do you bid now?

A.—The fact that your queen is now in partner's suit makes a world of difference—it is probably worth a full trick. Now a jump to three hearts (or a reverse bid of two spades, if you like the fancy stuff) is clear cut.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦KQ5 ♠AQ ♠AKQ1087 ♠63  
The bidding has proceeded:  
East South West North  
1 ♠ Dbl Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
What do you bid now?

A.—We suppose that the theoretically correct bid is a jump to three diamonds. However, if you are going to play for nine tricks, why not at no trump? There is no guarantee that you can make three no trump, but it's certainly worth a shot—especially since you're likely to get a heart lead.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♦6 ♠A105 ♠AK ♠AQJ762  
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with three spades. What action do you take?  
A.—Not an ideal hand, but who promised you that life would be a bowl of cherries? Double, despite the fact that you lack a fourth heart. Ideally, you hope partner will pass or bid three no trump. Should he bid four hearts, pass and hope for the best. At least the spade ruff will come in the hand with short trumps.

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Q.10—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♦6 ♠A105 ♠AK ♠AQJ762  
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with three spades. What action do you take?  
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Q.11—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♦6 ♠A105 ♠AK ♠AQJ762  
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Q.12—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♦6 ♠A105 ♠AK ♠AQJ762  
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with three spades. What action do you take?  
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Q.13—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♦6 ♠A105 ♠AK ♠AQJ762  
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with three spades. What action do you take?  
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Q.14—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♦6 ♠A1





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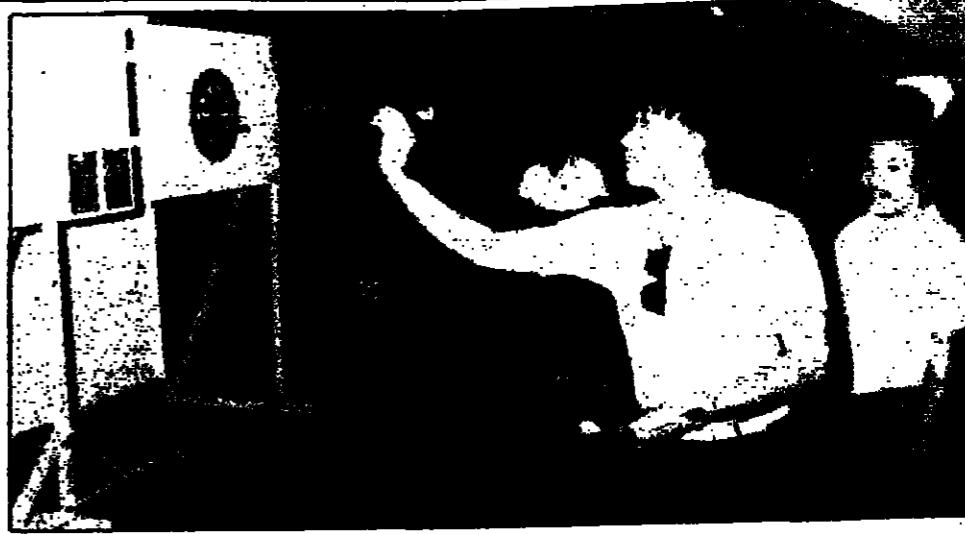
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The FCC netters who beat Al Rashid Freight.



An action shot from the EEI-Pizza Italia match.



One of the darts players takes aim.

## Dollarco sail through in basketball opener

### FFC fight back for close victory

By Gil Bangalan

THE Keifan Secondary School Gym once more became the place where to go every Friday for the sports-loving Filipino-community in Kuwait. Last Friday, May 26, 1989 enthusiastic Filipinos from all walks of life in Kuwait packed the Keifan gym to witness the start of the Palaro '89, dubbed Bisig ng Mangawaga.

Brief kick-off rites preceded the start, with no other than the Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait Alunian C. Glang and the Chief of Missions Consul General Fortunato D. Obiena gracing the occasion with their presence.

In the basketball competitions that followed, the Dollarco Greenbacks routed the Kuwait International Hotel, 72-50. The second game saw the Al Rashid Supermarket and the Refrigeration Ind. Co trading baskets in the early part of the first half, but the much superior shooting power and offence play of the Al Rashid quintet proved too much for the RIC mainstays. Al Rashid won the game, 85-66.

In Group B, the Pizza Italia never had a chance against the vaunted EEI-Kamish Al Aryan fast-break play. The heroes of Alojado and Dela Cruz, who scored 26 & 23 apiece, were not enough to stop the Garcia-Dingson tandem of EEI-Kamish. The final score was 97-59 for the first victory of EEI-Kamish.

The Pampanga Selection showed themselves the team to watch in Group C as they revolved the crowd with their merciless rout of the Kalexco aluminum makers, 75-45.

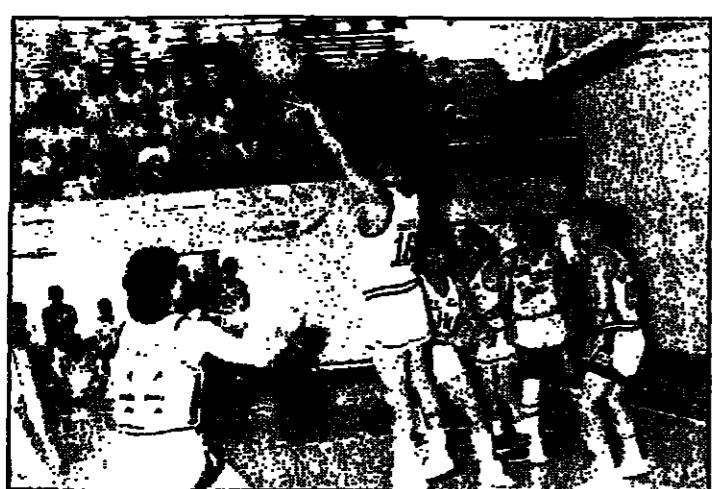
The crowd-roarer of the day however belonged to the game between the SAS Hotel and the Kuwait Hotels Co. Both quintets kept the crowd on their feet from start to the final buzzer of a see-sawing battle for the basket. The Kuwait Hotels led all the way during the first three quarters only to lose stamina and momentum in the dying minutes, enabling the SAS quintet to surge and never to look back. Argonza's game high score of 44 points proved to be the clincher for SAS Hotel's victory, with the final score at 83-73.

In the Ladies Division, the game between the Greek House and the Abugosh-Hatid Ligaya was postponed for next Friday. The crowd however were given a preliminary of the anticipated stiff rivalry in the volleyball competitions when the Fresh Fruit Co. netters dealt a crushing blow to the Al Rashid Freight volleybelles. The FCC netters turned what seemed a sure defeat to a rousing victory when, after losing the first two sets, 13-15 & 9-15, they rallied in the final three sets, 15-12, 15-9, and 16-14.

Schedule of games for Friday, June 2, 1989.

Men's basketball:  
8:00 am — B: Magnolia Ice Cream vs Soft Rock Cafe  
9:30 — C: Kuwaiti Danish Dairy vs Woodgroup Engineering  
11:00 — D: Kuwait Regency Hotel vs Sony  
12:30 — A: Kay & Associates vs Hatid Ligaya-Abugosh  
2:00 — B: Nissan Al Babtain vs KPBC

Ladies basketball:  
3:30 — Hatid Ligaya-Abugosh vs Greek House  
5:00 — Al Rashid Freight — vs Durani Exchange



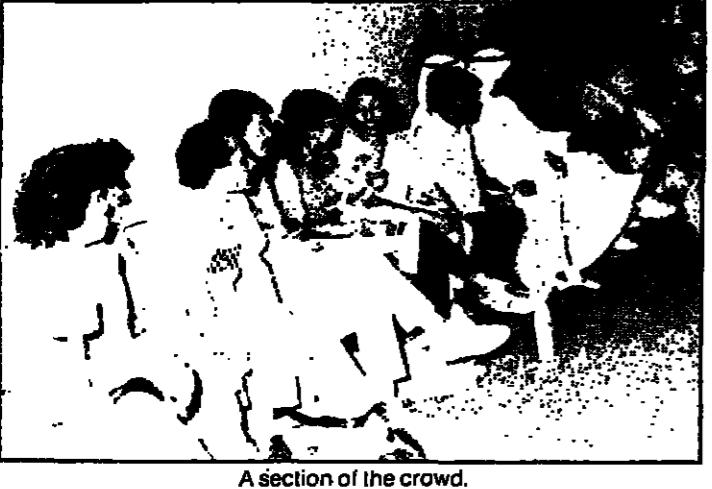
SAS players watch as an opponent collects the ball.



KAPILKU officials register members.



Arganoza scores a basket.



A section of the crowd.



A Kuwait hotels Co player tries to score.



The Hatid Ligaya ladies volleyball team.



Chess players plan their moves.



Score-keepers and other officials at the basketball games.

### Results

RESULTS of all games held at the Keifan Stadium on Friday:  
Group A  
Darts: SAS beat FCC 7-0  
Al Ghaniat beat RIC 5-2  
Group B  
Kirby beat Soft Rock 6-1  
EEI-KAA beat Greek House 5-2  
Chiquita, Abugosh Hatid-Ligaya, Kay & Associates and KPBC. Group A will not have any matches this week.

Individual chess  
Martinez (black) beat R. Blas in 50 moves  
Delos Reyes drew with T. Lagmay in 19 moves  
Yaranon (black) beat J. Mercado in 39 moves.

All those still interested in taking part in the event can report to the organisers on June 2 at 8:30 at the Keifan Gymnasium. Entry fee is KD 3 per individual.

#### Table tennis

Singles-men  
Soso Rafael beat Victor Pacioles 21-15 — 21-12  
Joey Ong beat Ceferino Panigan 21-16 21-18  
Dante Almenudo beat Vicente Sanguin 21-16 21-16  
Alvarez-Nicario beat Willy Chimanaco 21-18 21-18  
Rouen Cabral beat Gilbert Santiago 21-12 21-6

#### Tennis-doubles

Al Ghaniat Freight beat Kabayan Restaurant 21-18 21-13

Los Compadres beat Sanyo 21-17 20-22 21-15

The chairman of the organising committee for table tennis is Ben F. Bawwa while Ben Zabala is the co-chairman. Rose Fernandez, Marilyn Inductino and Sandy Singco are the members of the committee.

All the participants have been asked by the organising committee to report to the Keifan gymnasium on June 2 at 8:30 am. All the players will be able to play, so they must come.

#### Fan games

800 metres  
1. Gil Pajaron  
2. Wilfredo Velasco  
3. Armando Santos  
Long jump — men's  
1. Rolly Razon (Mabuhay)  
2. Edward Balata (Mabuhay)  
3. Andres Sambal (Mabuhay)  
4 x 100 relay — women's  
1. Greek House — Sol Ruera, Fely Dicay, Lotif Almanz and Vivian

2. Hatid Ligaya — Medy Diazma, Jing Liby and Tess Perez

3. Greek House — Tata Solarda, Eva Bernadete, Torsie Latif and Florence Goads

#### Tut-o-war

Men's event: EEI  
Women's event: Greek House

50 metres children's run

1. Jose Palala  
2. Joby de la Cruz

3. Ali Younis  
100 metres tire-rolling run — men's event

1. Alex Palala (Hatid Ligaya)

2. Romeo Calderon (Hatid Ligaya)

3. Toti Cis

#### Women's event

1. Tata Solarda (Greek House)

2. Lotif Almanz

3. Eva Sabay

25-50 metres ladder & child run

1.6-2.5m & Romeo Requies (KDD)

2. Michael & Herbert Rue (KDD)

400 metres walkman — women's event

1. Merly Quilaro

2. Judy Valma

3. Jenny Pastor

400 metres dash — men's event

1. Francisco de los Reyes (Maluhay)

2. Gerald Panotes

3. Rodrigo Torejo (Mabuhay)

## Chiquita outclass Ambassador Merchants to move closer to top of standings

By Sonny R. Mariano

CHIQUITA moved closer to the top of the standings after they stopped the Ambassador Merchants 3 games to 1. It was the second victory for the banana magnates in as many outings which gave them a share of Group A men's division leadership with Alghanim Freight.

Topscoring for Chiquita were Tony Lacion (586) and Lando Cabral (554). The losing side had Jojo Medrano (509) and Ermito Landrino (506) as their best marksmen.

In the Group B men's division, Trico continued to wreak havoc as they blasted FCC Shell 4 games to none and move way on top of Group B rankings. Leading the team to their impressive showing were Rodel, Roger, Mel & Ogie.

Other results of the second of competition are as follows:

Group A — men

Abugosh Int'l 3, Naid Airmote 1

Defending titlist Abugosh Forwards showed they are keen to retain the title as they outclassed their opponents, the Naid Airmote, Airmen.

Reliable Mar Evangelista turned in another fine performance with his 3-game total of 583 pf, while Rudy Zablan (554) and Nonoy Maramba (553) provided the much needed backup. The Airmen were led by Nelson Guillermo (555), George Gaerlan (545) & Rene Cabral (529).

Magnolia 2, Alghanim Freight 2

Magnolia gave the highly touted Alghanim Freight movers a run for their money all throughout their thrilling 3-game series match which ended with both teams taking 2 match points each. High scores for the ice cream makers were registered by Mars Balisi (480), Jojo Bilog (595) and Nepomuceno (576). The freight movers got their firepower from Jesus Ventus (599), Rico Pino (581) and Arthur Reyes (548).

Group B — men

FRM Design Studio 2.5, NTC 1.5

In a heart-stopping match, which could have gone either way, FRM Design Studio was able to turn back a strong challenge from the NTC Traders. Spearheading the designer's bid for a championship berth were Sonny Mariano (531), Rene Militante (530), Klim Mariano (550) and Ding Celeste (483). The Traders on the other hand banked on the tenacious display of consistency by Lito Libres who top-scored for his team with his 587. Milo Coronado (509) and Boying (492) also contributed to the team's effort.

Group A — women

Far East Restaurant 3, Al Rashid 1

The title retention bid of Far East



Some of the bowlers with officials.

Jabriya 4, Garfield 0

After its opening day setback, Jabriya bounced back mightily into contention as they convincingly defeated the first day leaders Garfield. Leading pinbusters for the winning team were Caloy (529), Manny (519) and Romy (498). The losing side had Teddy (501), Jupai (498) and Rollie (483) as their leading scorers.

Group A — women

Far East Restaurant 3, Al Rashid 1

The title retention bid of Far East

started with a win over their sole rival for the Group A title. Far East relied on their most lethal weapon Eva Sabay who scored 579 to edge out Al Rashid.

On the side to ensure the victory were Malou Tadena (491), Cora Paras (479), Joe Reyes (478) and Baby Militante (466). Al Rashid had R.C. Ruiz (521), Amy Abdon (510), Mercy Laborce (498), Lynne Reyes, Nitzi Alinea and Luz Mesena to count on.

Group B — women

Kabayan Restaurant 4, Alghanim

#### Freight 0

Kabayan favoured to win the Group B title, outplayed a tough team of new bowlers from Alghanim Freight to take the lead in their group. High scores for Kabayan were submitted by Thess Olor (485), Chit Acosta (475) and Baby Penaloza (460). Other team members are Femy, Beng, Jovie and Elsa. Carrying the scoring load for the lady freight movers were Beth N.(458), Rose(450) and Melody (433). The rest of the team are Gina, Diane and Beth C.

Trico 3, Abugosh Int'l 1

In the battle of door-to-door specialist Trico proved themselves better in bowling than their business competitor. But the Abugosh Lady Forwards did not make it easy for the Trico lady shippers as the result could have gone either way. Leading Trico were Chary Nepomuceno (458) and Vangie Simoy (449). Florence, Ledy, Babes and Pinky are the other team members. Abugosh had Florence (474) and Vicki Mendoza (443) as their best scorers and the rest of the team are Sarah, Joy, Remy and Mila.

The PBAK executive board wishes to thank all the participants of the Palaro bowling event for coming on time.

#### Standings

##### Men's Division

Team	P	W	L	PF	Pinfalls	Average
Alghanim Freight	6	6	2	6	5313	886
Chiquita	6	5	3	5	5303	889
Al Rashid Int'l	6	4	4	4	5497	915
Magnolia	6	2	4	2	5248	875
Naid Airmote	6	1	7	1	4782	791
Ambassador	6	0	8	0	4192	699

##### Group B

Team	P	W	L	PF	Pinfalls	Average
Trico	6	5	2	5.5	4612	803
FRM Design Studio	6	3	3	3	4869	

## SPORTS



**Johnson used silver pills for sex drive, says doctor**

TORONTO, May 27. (Reuters): Ben Johnson's doctors testified yesterday that the sprinter kept a supply of silver pills to enhance his sex drive and counter the libido-inhibiting effects of steroids.

In his third day of testimony to a government inquiry into the use of drugs in sport, Dr George Mario (Jamie) Astaphan also firmly denied giving Canadian athletes Winstrol-V, a form of the steroid stanazolol intended for animals.

Stanazolol was the steroid found in Johnson's urine sample and led to his disqualification after winning the 100 metres gold medal at last year's Seoul Olympics.

Astaphan, a Caribbean-born, Canadian-educated doctor, has said he suspected as early as 1987 that Johnson was using substances other than those he had prescribed.

Astaphan, 43, told the hearing yesterday that Johnson had "silver pills in a tiny plastic bag" when he visited the doctor at his Caribbean island home of St Kitts in June 1988.

"These were pills for him to do his stuff—these were supposedly sexual stimulants," he said.

Astaphan then recited a shopping list of more than half a dozen substances he said were easily obtainable in Canada that masked the use of banned steroids and hormones.

"If you take these drugs three or four days before a meet, you don't pass anything... detectable (in urine tests)," he said.

Astaphan said his favourite was "carbamide, the golden boy of them all. It's undetectable, it's not banned and it blocks everything."

He told the inquiry that underground laboratories had begun manufacturing steroids, including some in Canada and the United States, but he had never purchased their products.

"You never know what they're putting in the bottles, so it would be sort of unwise to purchase from them," Astaphan said.

He replied with an emphatic "no" when asked whether he planned to continue supplying banned performance-enhancing drugs to athletes.

The testimony came a day after the inquiry heard a tape of a phone conversation Astaphan recorded in January 1988 in which Johnson admitted he used the banned steroids which cost him his gold medal.

Pressed on the Olympic drug test that Johnson failed, Astaphan rejected suggestions that he misled sprint team coach Charlie Francis. Johnson and other athletes about the kind of steroid they were receiving before the Games.

Earlier this month the inquiry saw invoices showing that Astaphan ordered large quantities of Winstrol V between 1985 and 1987.

Astaphan said he had shipped the Winstrol V to a friend, a businessman in St Kitts, who used them to beef up animals. He repeated that the drug he prescribed to athletes was what he called "Estragol," a pseudonym for the steroid Furazabol.

The inquiry has heard that laboratory analysis of samples of what the athletes thought was "Estragol" was in fact stanazolol.

**Ali's doctor convicted**

GENEVA, May 27. (UPI): Muhammad Ali's former doctor, a Hilton Head, South Carolina cancer specialist convicted of fraud, was sentenced to four years in prison and banned from entering Switzerland for 10 years yesterday by a three-judge panel.

Dr Rajko Medenica was convicted Thursday on charges of fraud and falsification of documents for bilking the Yugoslav National Health System out of more than \$500,000.

## Lakers overcome Suns for 3-0 lead

PHOENIX, May 27. (AP): James Worthy scored 14 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter and the Los Angeles Lakers hit six free throws in the final 38 seconds to beat the Phoenix Suns 110-107 last night and take a 3-0 lead in their best-of-7 Western Conference final series.

The two-time defending champion Lakers can wrap up the series in game 4 tomorrow at Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum. No NBA team has ever come back from an 0-3 deficit to win a best-of-7 playoff series.

Los Angeles is now 10-0 in the playoffs this season, breaking the League record of nine

consecutive wins the Lakers set in 1982.

Phoenix trailed 93-83 with 7:14 remaining in the game. But Eddie Johnson, the League's sixth man award winner, broke out of a series-long shooting slump to score nine points in a 4:06 span and give Phoenix a 103-102 lead on a three-point play with 1:30 remaining.

Armon Gilliam's layup with 1:22 left put the Suns up 105-102 before the Lakers won the game from the free-throw line.

Worthy sank two foul shots with 1:04 left, then Mychal Thompson converted two with 38 seconds remaining and two more with 22 seconds to play for a 108-105 lead.

Phoenix rookie Dan Majerle had his 3-point attempts bounce off the rim with 17 seconds left and 10 seconds remaining before Michael Cooper's free throws capped Los Angeles' scoring with eight seconds to go.

Kevin Johnson's layup for the Suns with four seconds left accounted for the final score.

Magic Johnson finished with 20 points for the Lakers while Cooper had 16, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar 15 and Thompson 13. Worthy also grabbed 12 rebounds and Magic Johnson 11 assists and nine rebounds, just missing a triple-double for the second straight game.

## Astros cut down Pirates

### Reds outlast Cubs

NEW YORK, May 27. (AP): Jim Clancy won for the first time since April 8 and Glenn Davis homered last night, leading the Houston Astros past Pittsburgh 4-2 to snap the Pirates' season-high four-game winning streak.

Clancy, 2-4, beat San Diego in his National League debut but went winless in his next seven starts, losing four. He allowed six hits in 6 2-3 innings, walked six and struck out five.

Dave Smith pitched a hitless ninth for his seventh save.

Neil Heaton, 1-5, lost for the eighth time in nine decisions since last July 26. Heaton, who beat Clancy last Sunday, allowed seven hits and four runs in five innings.

In other National League games yesterday, it was Cincinnati 8, 12; Indians 8; St. Louis 3; Atlanta 0; New York 8; Los Angeles 2; Montreal 5; San Diego 0; and San Francisco 6; Philadelphia 1.

Cardinals 3, Braves 0

Scott Terry allowed two hits in seven innings and Willie McGee drove in two runs as Atlanta lost its sixth straight and 11th in 13 games.

The Braves have scored 13 runs in their last 10 games and have been shut out four times.

Red 10, Cubs 8

Rolando Rojas hit a two-run homer in the 12th inning as Cincinnati rallied from a five-run deficit.

Rooms, who had three hits, hit his second Major-League home off Calvin Schiraldi, 1-2, after Todd Benzinger, who drove in four runs, walked to start the inning.

**Lancia expect to open new era**

## Biasion set to shine again

ATHENS, May 27. (Reuters): World Champion Massimo Biasion sets out to lead Lancia to another sweep of honours when the four-day Acropolis Rally—sixth round of the 1989 campaign—begins today.

Emphatic victories in three events this year have left the Italian clear at the top of the world championship standings with 60 points, 25 more than his French team-mate Didier Auriol.

Biasion and Lancia swept to victory in the dirt and dust here last year—the driver winning by more than seven minutes from Swede Mikael Ericsson, the team packing five cars in the top six. A similar performance this year is expected.

After winning the Monte Carlo, Portuguese and Safari rallies, Biasion's retirement from April's Corsican event allowed Auriol to claim his first win of the year and reduce the Italian's championship lead.

In sweltering heat and on the loose gravel of the twisting mountain roads on which he

thrive, Biasion will want to return to winning ways

works cars with a semi-automatic clutch.

Toyota are struggling to match the power of the Lancias despite a talented team of drivers which includes former world champion Juha Kankkunen of Finland, Spain's Carlos Sainz and Swedish veteran Bjorn Waldegard. But they trail Lancia by 53 points.

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Geiberger hits

**6-under-par 66 for early lead**

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 27. (AP): Al Geiberger shook off the effects of a head cold to shoot a bogey-free, 6-under-par 66 yesterday and take the first-round lead in the Southwestern Bell Classic.

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Schwartz fastest in opening practice

## Grady grabs second round lead at Atlanta Classic

MARIETTA, Georgia, May 27. (Reuters): Wayne Grady said yesterday that he wants to follow in Ian Baker-Finch's footsteps and become the second Australian as many weeks to win on the US men's golf tour.

"I'd like to repeat what Ian did last week, but with 36 holes to play. I'm going to start thinking about it," said Grady, who equalled the day's low round with a six-under-par 66 to grab a one-stroke lead midway through the \$900,000 Atlanta Golf Classic.

Discontent between competitors and organisers continued yesterday after almost all the works teams failed to turn up for the first day of unofficial practice on Wednesday.

1. Kevin Schwantz (US) Suzuki two minutes 02.86 seconds (average speed 198.928 kph) 2. Wayne Rainey (US) Yamaha 2:04.36 3. Michael Doohan (Australia) Honda 2:04.63 4. Ron Haslam (Britain) Suzuki 2:04.65 5. Eddie Lawson (US) Honda 2:05.00 6. Christian Sarron (France) Yamaha 2:05.10

## Lawson aims to repeat West German GP victory

HOCKENHEIM, West Germany, May 27. (Reuters): World 500cc motorcycle champion Eddie Lawson, suited by the fast track, believes he can repeat his victory here of two years ago in tomorrow's West German Grand Prix.

The rider's boycott in the rain in the last round two weeks ago in Italy left the American second in this season's championship 10 points behind compatriot Wayne Rainey.

But Honda rider Lawson, who won West German Grands Prix in 1986 and 1987, says the long Hockenheim straight's favour his machine.

"These straights are overtaking lanes for the Honda... Hockenheim is the first time this season we've really been able to use the power of the Honda," he said.

But, as in Italy, early practice was dominated by the Suzuki of last year's winner, Kevin Schwantz.

The American won in Japan this year but crashed while leading the Spanish Grand Prix with six laps to go.

Schwartz's time of two minutes 02.86 seconds was nearly three seconds faster than the official lap record. Lawson was fifth best in 2:05.00.

Australian Kevin Magee is back in action six weeks after breaking a leg and an ankle at the US Grand Prix and only one week after having a screw removed from the ankle.

He finished a respectable 11th in the first practice session.

Rainey, one of five riders who have won one race each in a closely fought series, managed only seven place.

Lawson and Schwantz were among 20 top riders

fixed \$750 10 days ago by the International Motorcycling Federation (FIM) for refusing to race in the re-started Italian Grand Prix.

Practice Times

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## Scots set to complete Japan tour

TOKYO, May 27. (Reuters): Scotland should complete their five-game rugby union tour of Japan tomorrow with a convincing victory in the only Test match.

Japan's team manager Hiroaki Shukuzawa said he was encouraged by the showing last weekend when an under-23 selection ran in three second half tries against the tiring tourists.

Scottish coach Richie Dixon was also impressed by the determination shown by Japan's youngsters. "We were continually embarrassed by Japan's bold play," he said.

But the Scots still won 51-25, the fourth big success of the tour, and Dixon's comment that he had learned a lot from the ebullient Japanese approach indicates the hosts will be offered fewer opportunities tomorrow.

History and the current state of the Japanese game suggests Scotland will add another international victory to the three recorded in 1974, 1977 and 1986, despite having most of the five nations' championship side on duty with the British Lions.

Probable teams:

Japan - Toshiyuki Yamamoto, Noboru Taumoeleau, Eiji Kutsu, Seiji Hirao (captain), Yoshihito Yoshida, Shinobu Aoki, Masami Horikoshi, Sisaku Latu, Shuji Nakajima, Hiroyuki Kajiwara, Atsushi Oyagi, Toshiyuki Hayashi, Masanori Tanokura, Tsuyoshi Fujita, Osamu Ota.

Scotland - Cameron Glasgow, Matt Duncan, Ruari MacLean, Sean Lineen, Iwan Tukalo, Douglas Wyllie, Greig Oliver, Iain Paxton, Graham Marshall, Derek Turnbull, Damian Cronin, Chris Gray, Grant Wilson, Jim Hay, Alex Brewster (captain).

## Rottoli wins

BERGAMO, Italy, May 27. (AP): Angelo Rottoli took the vacant European light heavyweight title last night in front of his home crowd when he defeated Norway's Magne Havaa on a technical knock out in the fifth round.



Senna: dominates qualifying session



Prost: second fastest in Mexican GP practice

their qualifying tyres. Mansell and Berger were both victims of the delays which caused their tyres to cool off—a severe blow on such a slippery and bumpy circuit where tyre performance is vital to quick laps.

Warwick said his accident was caused when his foot slipped off the brake and onto the accelerator when his car hit a bump on the track.

He spun off into a tyre barrier and the front end of his car was smashed off.

Brundle attempted to take the last corner flat out in sixth gear, a bid to make up for a loss of engine power.

"I lost all my grip half way through the corner," he said. "I just went straight off into the tyres."

The resurgence of the Tyrrells, hinted at in Monaco earlier in the month, was continued by the fine form of both Palmer and his Italian team-mate Michele Alboreto.

Palmer said: "The car is amazingly competitive and I just cannot wait for the race on Sunday."

## H & E hold prize-giving ceremony

THE Hunting & Equestrian Golf Club held its annual prize-giving ceremony on Thursday. Prizes were given to winners of the club's major golf championships held during 1988-1989 season.

The final results were as follows:

1. Club champion — best gross — Adnan Assaf
2. Jashanmal Trophy: given to the singles knock-out champion was won by Mahmoud Taqi with Tony Jashanmal taking the runner-up spot.
3. Best net aggregate — Stephen Watters.
4. Swiss Shield: given to the pairs knock-out champions was won by the Korean duo H.W. Baek and Y.H. Kim with Dr P. Sahn and R.K. Sethi taking the runner-up spot.
5. The Electric: winners for ladies were Deidre Brero (gross) and Eileen Watters (net). For the men, Adnan Assaf (gross) and H.S. Shim (net).
6. Ramzan Trophy was won by Adnan Assaf with Peter Benham taking the runner-up spot.
7. Seniors Cup was won by Ali Alamudin.
8. The Summer Cup was won by Sulail Gidwani.

The club's annual general meeting was held before the prize giving ceremony. A new committee was elected as follows:

Dr. Ahmad Al Mutawi, president; Tony Jashanmal and Mahmoud Taqi (as vice-president) were re-elected for another three-year term.

Club captain for 1989-1990 season will be Ken Smith with Peter Benham as vice-captain. Retiring captain Dr Pritam Sahnai chaired the meeting and also presented prizes to the winners.



Adnan Assaf: won the Ramadan Trophy

## Becker leads West Germany into final

DUSSELDORF, West Germany, May 27. (Reuter): Boris Becker continued his build-up to next week's French Open in relaxed but commanding style as he steered West Germany into the final of the World Team Cup tennis tournament today.

The 21-year-old world number two swept aside American Tim Mayotte 6-2 6-3 in just an hour-and-a-half to set West Germany on their way to victory over the United States and a clash with Argentina in Sunday's final.

Carl-Uwe Steeb easily overcame Aaron Krickstein 6-2 6-2 to secure the Davis Cup titleholders' success after the two singles' rubbers and win the four-nation Group Two.

Tomorrow will be West Germany's first appearance in the final in the event's 11-year history.

**Pick fails to give Nottinghamshire victory**

LONDON, May 27. (Reuter): A day of challenging declarations narrowly failed to produce a result when last man Andy Pick was unable to score the required three runs off the final ball for Nottinghamshire in their match against Worcestershire yesterday.

Two declarations on the final day of their three-day county championship match left Notts chasing 240 for victory.

First Notts declared their first innings 59 behind on 150 for three and Worcestershire responded to the challenge by closing their second innings at 180 for three with Graeme Hick unbeaten on 90.

But after a sound first wicket partnership of 74 by Chris Broad (40) and Mike Newell (62), Notts faltered against the tight bowling of Phil Newport, who finished

## Ireland hope to have key players fit for World Cup qualifier

DUBLIN, May 27, (Reuter): Ireland manager Jack Charlton is keeping his fingers crossed that the six members of his squad involved in yesterday's Liverpool-Arsenal English championship title decider will be fit to play in a World Cup qualifier against Malta tomorrow.

The six — Ray Houghton, Ronnie Whelan, John Aldridge and Steve Staunton of Liverpool and Arsenal's

Niall Quinn and David O'Leary — are due to join the squad today. Charlton's plans have already been disrupted with four players currently unable to train because of injury.

"It's a disaster area at the moment, but I am convinced we can get things organised by tomorrow morning," said Charlton of his team's preparations.

Ireland got off to a good start in the

first of four successive home matches when they beat Group Six leaders Spain 1-0 last month. But the Spaniards are on the course to win the five-nation group, with the second qualifying spot, seemingly between Hungary and Ireland.

Victory over Malta would lift Ireland above Hungary into second place in the

table. Malta have only two points from six matches and have failed to win any of their last 31 World Cup matches.

However, they did create a surprise last month when they held Hungary to a 1-1 draw in Budapest.

Their West German coach Horst Hesse was pessimistic about his team's chances of causing a similar upset tomorrow.

Probable teams:

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Ireland — Pat Bonner, Chris Hugh-  
ton, Steve Staunton, Mick McCarthy,  
Kevin Moran, Ronnie Whelan, Paul  
McGrath, Ray Houghton, Frank Sta-  
pton, Tony Casarino, Kevin Sheedy.

Malta — David Cluett, John Butt-  
ledeg, Dennis Cauchi, Silvio Vella, Joe  
Galea, Michael de Giorgio, Charles  
Sceri, Raymond Vella, Carmel Busut-  
til, Martin Gregory, David Carrabot.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Sheikh Fahd

CAIRO, May 27, (KUNA): President of the Kuwaiti Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed hailed HH the Amir's stance regarding participation in the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games. Speaking here on the Arab sports movement and its relationship with the international Olympic movement, Sheikh Fahd said sports movement in Kuwait was run by democratic institutions that enjoy freedom of decision making in the interest of the Kuwaiti sports movement.

### OPBF title

TOKYO, May 27, (AP): Indonesian champion Hengky Gun knocked down Japanese challenger Masahiro Takagi five times today to retain his Orient Pacific Boxing Federation's junior lightweight title.

### Champion mare

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 27, (Reuter): The accident which killed champion mare Triptych is expected to generate one of the largest insurance settlements in equestrian history, an industry representative said yesterday.

### Police officer

SHEFFIELD, England, May 27, (Reuter): The senior police officer at a soccer stadium where 95 people were crushed and trampled to death last month apologized yesterday for trying to blame the fans.

### Saturnus Rally

CRNI VRH: Austria's Franz Wittmann completed his expected victory in the European Championship Saturnus Rally yesterday after dominating the event in the Yugoslav Republic of Slovenia for the second year in succession. Middle East champion Mohammed Bin Sulayem in the Winston Toyota Celica GT-4 could not finish the rally.

### Nehru cricket

LONDON, May 27, (AP): English cricket officials announced today the national team will play in the Nehru centennial cricket tournament, a series of one-day competitions, in India in October and November.

### IOC chief

BARCELONA, Spain, May 27, (AP): International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch left a Barcelona clinic today after learning that his health was excellent, a nurse supervisor said.

### England win

GLASGOW, May 27, (Reuter): England beat Scotland 2-0 (halftime 1-0) in the Rous Cup soccer match at Hampden Park here today. Scorers: Chris Waddle (20th min), Steve Bull (80th). Attendance: 63,282.

### Skating season

DUBROVNIK, Yugoslavia, May 27, (AP): After enduring two seasons of poor European snowfall, the International Ski Federation yesterday approved a provisional calendar for the 1989-90 season that focuses on Australia and the Americas in its early months.

### French Cup

MONACO, May 27, (Reuter): The youthful Sochaux side from eastern France gave themselves an excellent chance of reaching the French Cup final for the second year running when they held Monaco to a goalless draw in a semifinal first leg match yesterday.

### S. Korea win

SEOUL, South Korea, May 27, (AP): South Korea beat Malaysia and Singapore downed Nepal by the same 3-0 score today in the East Asia Group 4 qualifying matches for the 1990 World Cup soccer tournament.

### Waters triumphs

ETTALANG, Australia, May 27, (AP): Australian Troy Waters recovered from a slow start to overpower Welshman Mike Harris and score an eight-round technical knockout last night to retain his Commonwealth junior-middleweight boxing title.

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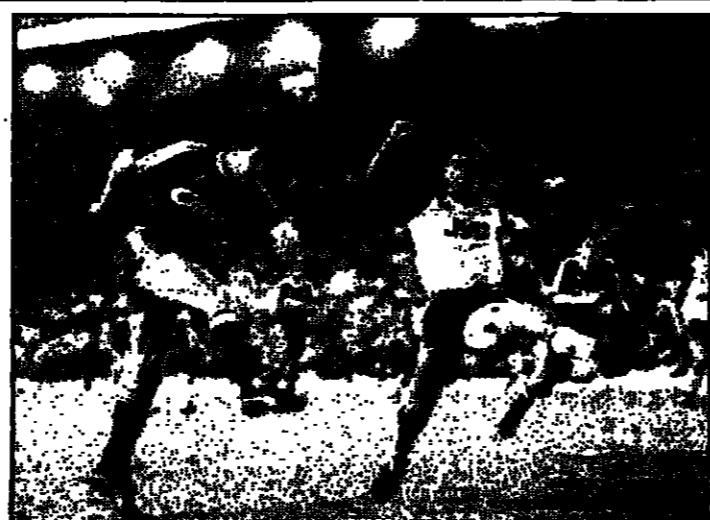
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## Arsenal clinch title

Liverpool lose 2-0 in last match



Liverpool's Ray Houghton (left) takes a shot past Arsenal's Nigel Winterburn. (Reuter wirephoto)

stood 19 points behind Arsenal

but the final twist of an unpredictable campaign, which included the tragedy of Hillsborough, went the way of the Londoners.

Both sides finished on 76 points from their 38 games with a goal difference of 37. But Arsenal took the title because they scored 73 goals compared to 65 by Liverpool.

Arsenal captain Tony Adams said: "There was no way Liverpool were going to come back after we scored that late."

"The boys were magnificent, they played brilliantly. We were all so fired up."

"Anfield is a very hard place to come to in any situation, let alone having to win a match by two clear goals. We just gave it our best shot and it worked out on

the night."

The form of Liverpool, who had been unbeaten since New Year's day, had been seemingly unaffected by the trauma of last month's Hillsborough disaster which claimed 95 lives.

Arsenal had taken only one

point out of a possible six from their last two home League matches and apparently left themselves a near-impossible task.

But it was Liverpool's eighth

game in 23 days and as in the Cup

final against Everton they conceded a last minute goal, which this time proved disastrous.

Ironically, Arsenal's last two

League triumphs, in 1953 and

1971, were both clinched with

victories in the last match of the

season.

Some 4,000 fans had travelled

north from London but even their optimism was wearing a bit thin as the game ticked into injury time.

Arsenal had laid siege to the Liverpool goal in those closing stages and they could well have paid the penalty as Liverpool looked to cash in with their counter-breaks.

But this was one occasion when things simply did not go Liverpool's way and a jubilant Thomas threw himself head-over-heels after sealing a famous victory.

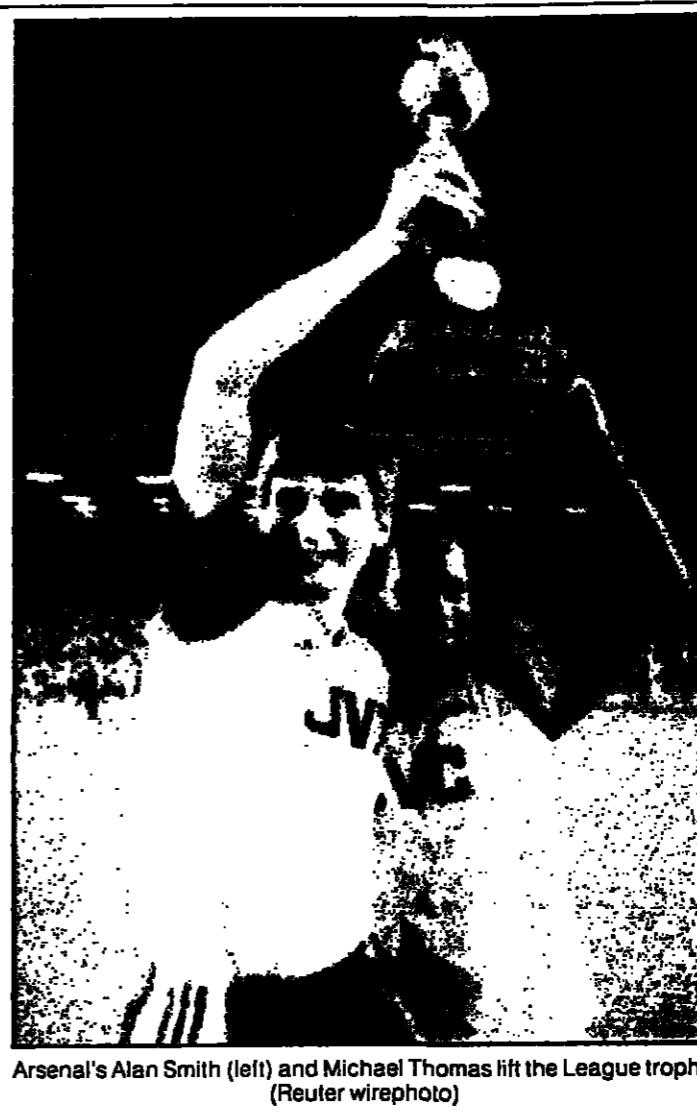
After a fiercely contested match in which Thomas and his Arsenal team-mate Kevin Richardson were booked, Arsenal manager George Graham, a member of the Highbury double side of 1971, said: "We didn't feel under any pressure particularly, because I don't think anybody outside Highbury thought we could do it."

Obviously Liverpool are a tremendous side — they are the side everybody tries to emulate. There is still a lot of improvement needed in my side, but tonight it was our night."

Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish said: "Obviously we're disappointed not to win the title after going so close."

Dalglish added: "It was magnificent really considering everything they've been through. To come so close as that was an achievement in itself — although at Liverpool we will never accept second best..."

"I think really it wasn't to be. There's one or two things that happened that never went our way that maybe have gone out



Arsenal's Alan Smith (left) and Michael Thomas lift the League trophy. (Reuter wirephoto)

way in the past."

### Standings

Final English Football League Division One table after yesterday's game. (Tableau under — played, won, drawn, lost, goals for against points):

Team	W	D	L	GF	GA	Points
Everton	38	14	12	6	53	54
O.P.R.	38	14	11	4	37	53
Millwall	38	14	11	43	52	53
Manchester U.	38	12	13	45	35	51
Wimbledon	38	14	9	50	46	51
Southampton	38	10	13	42	66	45
Charlton	38	10	12	16	44	52
Sheffield Wed	38	10	12	16	34	51
Luton	38	10	11	17	42	51
Aston Villa	38	9	13	16	45	50
Middlesbrough	38	9	12	17	44	51
Derby	38	17	7	14	40	38
Tottenham	38	15	12	11	60	46
Coventry	38	14	13	11	47	42

London, May 27, (Reuter): Don Revie, one of the most controversial figures in British football, died yesterday aged 61 after suffering from the muscle-wasting motor-neurone disease for nearly three years.

Revie caused a furor in 1977 when he gave up as England manager to work in the United Arab Emirates as coach to the national side.

He had held the English job for three years after making his name at Leeds United where he created one of the best club sides in Europe in the late 1960s and early 70s.

But after he returned home in 1984 he never worked in English soccer again. He moved to his

native Scotland and died in Edinburgh where he had been for the last week.

Revie infuriated his employers, the Football Association, by making a clandestine journey to accept a lucrative contract with the Emirates when he should have been taking